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Description**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION****I. Field of the Invention**

[0001] The present invention relates to a channel structure for communication systems.

II. Description of the Related Art

[0002] The use of code division multiple access (CDMA) modulation techniques is one of several techniques for facilitating communications in which a large number of system users are present. Although other techniques such as time division multiple access (TDMA) and frequency division multiple access (FDMA) are known, CDMA has significant advantages over these other techniques. The use of CDMA techniques in a multiple access communication system is disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 4,901,307, entitled "SPREAD SPECTRUM MULTIPLE ACCESS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM USING SATELLITE OR TERRESTRIAL REPEATERS," and assigned to the assignee of the present invention. The use of CDMA techniques in a multiple access communication system is further disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,103,459, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR GENERATING SIGNAL WAVEFORMS IN A CDMA CELLULAR TELEPHONE SYSTEM", assigned to the assignee of the present invention. The CDMA system can be designed to conform to the "TIA/EIA/IS-95 Mobile Station-Base Station Compatibility Standard for Dual-Mode Wideband Spread Spectrum Cellular System", hereinafter referred to as the IS-95 standard. Another code division multiple access communication system includes the GLOBALSTAR communication system for world-wide communication utilising low earth-orbiting satellites.

[0003] CDMA communication systems are capable of transmitting traffic data and voice data over the forward and reverse links. A method for transmitting traffic data in code channel frames of fixed size is described in detail in U.S. Patent No. 5,504,773, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE FORMATTING OF DATA FOR TRANSMISSION", and assigned to the assignee of the present invention. In accordance with the IS-95 standard, the traffic data and voice data are partitioned into traffic channel frames which are 20 msec in duration. The data rate of each traffic channel frame is variable and can be as high as 14.4Kbps.

[0004] In the CDMA system, communications between users are conducted through one or more base stations. A first user on one remote station communicates to a second user on a second remote station by transmitting data on the reverse link to a base station. The base station receives the data and can route the data to another base station. The data is transmitted on the forward link of the same base station, or a second base station, to the second remote station. The forward link refers to transmission from the base station to a remote station and the reverse link refers to transmission from the remote station to a base station. In IS-95 systems, the forward link and the reverse link are allocated separate frequencies.

[0005] The remote station communicates with at least one base station during a communication. CDMA remote stations are capable of communicating with multiple base stations simultaneously during soft handoff. Soft handoff is the process of establishing a link with a new base station before breaking the link with the previous base station. Soft handoff minimizes the probability of dropped calls. The method and system for providing a communication with a remote station through more than one base station during the soft handoff process are disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,267,261, entitled "MOBILE ASSISTED SOFT HANDOFF IN A CDMA CELLULAR TELEPHONE SYSTEM," issued on 30 november 1993, assigned to the assignee of the present invention. Softer handoff is the process whereby the communication occurs over multiple sectors which are serviced by the same base station. The process of softer handoff is described in detail in copending U.S. Patent No. 5,933,787, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING HANDOFF BETWEEN SECTORS OF A COMMON BASE STATION", filed December 11, 1996 issued on 3 August 1999, assigned to the assignee of the present invention.

[0006] Given the growing demand for wireless data applications, the need for very efficient wireless data communication systems has become increasingly significant. An exemplary communication system which is optimized for data transmission is described in detail in copending U.S. Patent No. 5 930, 230,, entitled "HIGH DATA RATE CDMA WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM", filed May 28, 1996, assigned to the assignee of the present invention, and issued on 27 July 1999. The system disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,930,230 is a variable rate communication system capable of transmitting at one of a plurality of data rates.

[0007] A significant difference between voice services and data services is that the former requires a fixed and common grade of service (GOS) for all users. Typically, for digital systems providing voice services, this translates into a fixed and equal data rate for all users and a maximum tolerable value for the error rates of the speech frames, independent of the link resource. For the same data rate, a higher allocation of resource is required for users having weaker links. This results in an inefficient use of the available resource. In contrast, for data services, the GOS can be different from user to user and can be a parameter optimized to increase the overall efficiency of the data communication system. The

GOS of a data communication system is typically defined as the total delay incurred in the transfer of a data message.

[0008] Another significant difference between voice services and data services is the fact that the former imposes stringent and fixed delay requirements. Typically, the overall one-way delay of speech frames must be less than 100 msec. In contrast, the data delay can become a variable parameter used to optimize the efficiency of the data communication system.

[0009] The parameters which measure the quality and effectiveness of a data communication system are the total delay required to transfer a data packet and the average throughput rate of the system. Total delay does not have the same impact in data communication as it does for voice communication, but it is an important metric for measuring the quality of the data communication system. The average throughput rate is a measure of the efficiency of the data transmission capability of the communication system.

[0010] US Patent No. 5, 267,261 discloses a mobile station assisted soft handoff in a CDMA Cellular Communications System.

[0011] E. Zehavi and E. Tiedemann "The PCS CDMA system overview", IEEE International Conference on Universal Personal Communications, 27 September 1994-1 October 2004, pages 83-88, San Diego, CA, USA discloses a high level description of the PCS CDMA system.

[0012] A communication system designed to optimize transmission of data services and voice services needs to address the particular requirements of both services. The present invention aims to provide a channel structure which facilitates transmissions of data and voice services.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0013] In one aspect the invention as set out in the appended claims provides a channel structure for communication systems comprising: at least one fundamental channel for transmitting traffic data, voice data, and signaling; a supplemental channel for transmitting traffic data; and a paging channel for transmitting paging messages. In particular, the present invention relates to a method and device for providing a channel structure in a telecommunications system according to respective claims 1 and 23.

[0014] Further particular embodiments of the invention are set out in the dependent claims.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0015] The above and further features, objects, and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent from the detailed description of embodiments of the invention set forth below with reference to the accompanying drawings in which like reference characters identify correspondingly throughout and wherein:

FIG. 1 is a diagram of an exemplary communication system embodying the present invention;
 FIG. 2 is a block diagram illustrating the basic subsystems of an exemplary communication system embodying the present invention; and
 FIG. 3 is an exemplary diagram illustrating the relationship between the physical and logical channels on the forward link;
 FIG. 4 is an exemplary diagram illustrating the relationship between the physical and logical channels on the reverse link;
 FIGS. 5A and 5B are exemplary diagrams which illustrate of the use of the inter-cell Δ power levels to control the forward supplemental channel transmission, respectively;
 FIG. 6 is an exemplary diagram of the spectrum of the received multi-carrier signal;
 FIG. 7A is a diagram of an exemplary reverse link pilot/control channel frame format;
 FIG. 7B is an exemplary timing diagram illustrating the reverse link high speed data transmission;
 FIG. 7C is an exemplary timing diagram illustrating the use of inter-cell Δ power levels;
 FIG. 7D is an exemplary timing diagram illustrating the use of inter-carrier power levels;
 FIG. 7E is an exemplary timing diagram illustrating the transmission of the EIB bits;
 FIGS. 8A-8B are exemplary timing diagram showing the transitions to the suspended and dormant modes and exemplary state diagram showing the transitions between the various operating modes, respectively;
 FIG. 8C is an exemplary diagram showing a scenario wherein a remote station operating in the suspended mode sends a location update message upon detecting a new pilot;
 FIGS. 9A-9B are exemplary diagrams illustrating the protocol for a base station initiated transitions from the suspended and dormant modes to the traffic channel mode, respectively; and
 FIGS. 9C-9D are exemplary diagrams illustrating the protocol for a remote station initiated transitions from the suspended and dormant modes to the traffic channel mode, respectively.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

I. System Description

[0016] Referring to the figures, FIG. 1 represents an exemplary communication system. One such system is the CDMA communication system which conforms to the IS-95 standard. Another such system is described in the aforementioned U.S. Patent No. 5 930 230. The communication system comprises multiple cells **2a-2g**. Each cell **2** is serviced by a corresponding base station **4**. Various remote stations **6** are dispersed throughout the communication system. In the exemplary embodiment, each of remote stations **6** communicates with zero or more base station **4** on the forward link at each traffic channel frame or frame. For example, base station **4a** transmits to remote stations **6a** and **6j**, base station **4b** transmits to remote stations **6b** and **6j**, and base station **4c** transmits to remote stations **6c** and **6h** on the forward link at frame *i*. As shown by FIG. 1, each base station **4** transmits data to zero or more remote stations **6** at any given moment. In addition, the data rate can be variable and can be dependent on the carrier-to-interference ratio (C/I) as measured by the receiving remote station **6** and the required energy-per-bit-to-noise ratio (E_b/N_0). The reverse link transmissions from remote stations **6** to base stations **4** are not shown in FIG. 1 for simplicity.

[0017] A block diagram illustrating the basic subsystems of an exemplary communication system is shown in FIG. 2. Base station controller **10** interfaces with packet network interface **24**, PSTN **30**, and all base stations **4** in the communication system (only one base station **4** is shown in FIG. 2 for simplicity). Base station controller **10** coordinates the communication between remote stations **6** in the communication system and other users connected to packet network interface **24** and PSTN **30**. PSTN **30** interfaces with users through the standard telephone network (not shown in FIG. 2).

[0018] Base station controller **10** contains many selector elements **14**, although only one is shown in FIG. 2 for simplicity. One selector element **14** is assigned to control the communication between one or more base stations **4** and one remote station **6**. If selector element **14** has not been assigned to remote station **6**, call control processor **16** is informed of the need to page remote station **6**. Call control processor **16** then directs base station **4** to page remote station **6**.

[0019] Data source **20** contains the data which is to be transmitted to remote station **6**. Data source **20** provides the data to packet network interface **24**. Packet network interface **24** receives the data and routes the data to selector element **14**. Selector element **14** sends the data to each base station **4** in communication with remote station **6**. In the exemplary embodiment, each base station **4** maintains data queue **40** which contains the data to be transmitted to remote station **6**.

[0020] The data is sent, in data packets, from data queue **40** to channel element **42**. In the exemplary embodiment, on the forward link, a data packet refers to a fixed amount of data to be transmitted to the destination remote station **6** within one frame. For each data packet, channel element **42** inserts the necessary control fields. In the exemplary embodiment, channel element **42** CRC encodes the data packet and control fields and inserts a set of code tail bits. The data packet, control fields, CRC parity bits, and code tail bits comprise a formatted packet. In the exemplary embodiment, channel element **42** encodes the formatted packet and interleaves (or reorders) the symbols within the encoded packet. In the exemplary embodiment, the interleaved packet is scrambled with a long PN code, covered with a Walsh cover, and spread with the short PN_I and PN_Q codes. The spread data is provided to RF unit **44** which quadrature modulates, filters, and amplifies the signal. The forward link signal is transmitted over the air through antenna **46** on forward link **50**.

[0021] At remote station **6**, the forward link signal is received by antenna **60** and routed to a receiver within front end **62**. The receiver filters, amplifies, quadrature demodulates, and quantizes the signal. The digitized signal is provided to demodulator (DEMOM) **64** where it is despread with the short PN_I and PN_Q codes, decovered with the Walsh cover, and descrambled with the long PN code. The demodulated data is provided to decoder **66** which performs the inverse of the signal processing functions done at base station **4**, specifically the de-interleaving, decoding, and CRC check functions. The decoded data is provided to data sink **68**.

[0022] The communication system supports data and message transmissions on the reverse link. Within remote station **6**, controller **76** processes the data or message transmission by routing the data or message to encoder **72**. In the exemplary embodiment, encoder **72** formats the message consistent with the blank-and-burst signaling data format described in the aforementioned U.S. Patent No. 5,504,773. Encoder **72** then generates and appends a set of CRC bits, appends a set of code tail bits, encodes the data and appended bits, and reorders the symbols within the encoded data. The interleaved data is provided to modulator (MOD) **74**.

[0023] Modulator **74** can be implemented in many embodiments. In the first embodiment, the interleaved data is covered with a Walsh code which identifies the data channel assigned to remote station **6**, spread with a long PN code, and further spread with the short PN codes. The spread data is provided to a transmitter within front end **62**. The transmitter modulates, filters, amplifies, and transmits the reverse link signal over the air, through antenna **60**, on reverse link **52**.

[0024] In the second embodiment, modulator **74** functions in the same manner as the modulator of an exemplary

CDMA system which conforms to the IS-95 standard. In this embodiment, modulator **74** maps the interleaved bits into another signal space using Walsh code mapping. Specifically, the interleaved data is grouped into groups of six bits. The six bits are mapped to a corresponding 64-bits Walsh sequence. Modulator **74** then spreads the Walsh sequence with a long PN code and the short PN codes. The spread data is provided to a transmitter within front end **62** which functions in the manner described above.

[0025] For both embodiments, at base station **4**, the reverse link signal is received by antenna **46** and provided to RF unit **44**. RF unit **44** filters, amplifies, demodulates, and quantizes the signal and provides the digitized signal to channel element **42**. Channel element **42** despreads the digitized signal with the short PN codes and the long PN code. Channel element **42** also performs the Walsh code mapping or deconvolving, depending on the signal processing performed at remote station **6**. Channel element **42** then reorders the demodulated data, decodes the de-interleaved data, and performs the CRC check function. The decoded data, e.g. the data or message, is provided to selector element **14**. Selector element **14** routes the data and message to the appropriate destination (e.g., data sink **22**).

[0026] The hardware, as described above, supports transmissions of data, messaging, voice, video, and other communications over the forward link. Other hardware architecture can be designed to support variable rate transmissions and are within the scope of the present invention.

[0027] Scheduler **12** connects to all selector elements **14** within base station controller **10**. Scheduler **12** schedules high speed data transmissions on the forward and reverse links. Scheduler **12** receives the queue size, which is indicative of the amount of data to be transmitted and other pertinent information which is described below. Scheduler **12** schedules data transmissions to achieve the system goal of maximum data throughput while conforming to system constraints.

[0028] As shown in FIG. 1, remote stations **6** are dispersed throughout the communication system and can be in communication with zero or more base stations **4**. In the exemplary embodiment, scheduler **12** coordinates the forward and reverse link high speed data transmissions over the entire communication system. A scheduling method and apparatus for high speed data transmission are described in detail in U.S. Patent No. US 633 5922, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORWARD LINK RATE SCHEDULING", filed February 11, 1997, issued on 1 January 2002, and assigned to the assignee of the present invention.

II. Forward Link Channels

[0029] In the exemplary embodiment, the forward link comprises the following physical channels : pilot channel, sync channel, paging channel, fundamental channel, supplemental channel, and control channel. The forward link physical channels facilitate transmissions of a variety of logical channels. In the exemplary embodiment, the forward link logical channel comprises : the physical layer control, media access control (MAC), user traffic stream, and signaling. A diagram illustrating the relationship between the physical and logical channels on the forward link is shown in FIG. 3. The forward link logical channels are further described below.

III. Forward Pilot Channel

[0030] In the exemplary embodiment, the forward pilot channel comprises an unmodulated signal which is used by remote stations **6** for synchronization and demodulation. In the exemplary embodiment, the pilot channel is transmitted at all times by base station **4**.

IV. Forward Sync Channel

[0031] In the exemplary embodiment, the forward sync channel is used to transmit system timing information to remote stations **6** for initial time synchronization. In the exemplary embodiment, the sync channel is also used to inform remote stations **6** of the data rate of the paging channel. In the exemplary embodiment, the structure of the sync channel can be similar to that of the IS-95 system.

V. Forward Paging Channel

[0032] In the exemplary embodiment, the forward paging channel is used to transmit system overhead information and specific messages to remote stations **6**. In the exemplary embodiment, the structure of the paging channel can be similar to that of the IS-95 system. In the exemplary embodiment, the paging channel supports slotted mode paging and non-slotted mode paging as defined by the IS-95 standard. Slotted and non-slotted mode paging is described in detail in U.S. Patent No. 5,392,287, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING POWER CONSUMPTION IN A MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVER", issued February 21, 1995, and assigned to the assignee of the present invention.

VI. Forward Fundamental Channel

[0033] In the exemplary embodiment, forward traffic channels are used to transmit voice, data, and signaling messages from base stations **4** to remote stations **6** during a communication. In the exemplary embodiment, the forward traffic channels comprise fundamental channels and supplemental channels. Fundamental channels can be used to transmit voice traffic, data traffic, high speed data traffic, signaling traffic, physical layer control messages, and MAC information as shown in FIG. 3. In the exemplary embodiment, supplemental channels are only used to transmit high speed data.

[0034] In the exemplary embodiment, the fundamental channel is a variable rate channel which can be used in one of two modes : the dedicated mode and the shared mode. In the dedicated mode, the fundamental channel is used to transmit voice traffic, IS-707 data traffic, high speed data traffic, and signaling traffic. In the exemplary embodiment, in the dedicated mode, the signaling information is transmitted via dim-and-burst or blank-and-burst format as described in the aforementioned U.S. Patent No. 5,504,773.

[0035] Alternatively, if remote station **6** does not have an active circuit switched service (e.g., voice or fax), the fundamental channel may operate in the shared mode. In the shared mode, the fundamental channel is shared among a group of remote stations **6** and the forward control channel is used to indicate to the remote station **6** when to demodulate the assigned fundamental channel.

[0036] The shared mode increases the capacity of the forward link. When no voice or circuit-switched data service is active, using a dedicated fundamental channel is inefficient because the fundamental channel is under-utilized by intermittent packet data services and signaling traffic. For example, the fundamental channel may be used to transmit the TCP acknowledgments. In order to minimize the transmission delay in the delivery of the signaling messages and data traffic, the transmission rate of the fundamental channel is not reduced significantly. Several under-utilized fundamental channels can adversely affect the performance of the system (e.g., causing reduction in the data rate of the high speed users).

[0037] In the exemplary embodiment, the use of the fundamental channel in the shared mode for a particular remote station **6** is indicated by an indicator bit sent on the forward control channel. This indicator bit is set for all remote stations **6** in the group when a broadcast message is sent on the shared signaling channel. Otherwise, this indicator bit is set only for the particular remote station **6** for which a traffic channel frame is transmitted on the next frame.

VII. Forward Supplemental Channel

[0038] In the exemplary embodiment, the supplemental channel is used to support high speed data services. In the exemplary embodiment, the supplemental channel frame can be transmitted using one of a plurality of data rates and the data rate used on the supplemental channel is transmitted to the receiving remote station **6** by signaling (e.g., forward link schedule) on the control channel. Thus, the data rate on the supplemental channel does not need to be dynamically determined by the receiving remote station **6**. In the exemplary embodiment, the Walsh codes used for the supplemental channel are communicated to remote stations **6** via the logical signaling channel which is transmitted on the forward fundamental channel.

VIII. Forward Control Channel

[0039] In the exemplary embodiment, the control channel is a fixed rate channel associated with each remote station **6**. In the exemplary embodiment, the control channel is used to transmit power control information and short control messages for the forward and reverse link schedule (see FIG. 3). The scheduling information comprises the data rate and the transmission duration which have been allocated for the forward and reverse supplemental channels.

[0040] The usage of the fundamental channel can be regulated by signaling channel frames which are transmitted on the control channel. In the exemplary embodiment, allocation of the logical signaling channel frames is performed by an indicator bit within the control channel frame. The process fundamental indicator bit informs remote station **6** whenever there is information directed to remote station **6** on the fundamental channel in the next frame.

[0041] The control channel is also used to transmit reverse power control bits. The reverse power control bits direct remote station **6** to increase or decrease its transmission power such that the required level of performance (e.g., as measured by the frame error rate) is maintained while minimizing interference to neighboring remote stations **6**. An exemplary method and apparatus for performing reverse link power control is described in detail U.S. Patent No. 5,056,109, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING TRANSMISSION POWER IN A CDMA CELLULAR MOBILE TELEPHONE SYSTEM", and assigned to the assignee of the present invention. In the exemplary embodiment, the reverse power control bits are transmitted on the control channel every 1.25 msec. To increase capacity and minimize interference, control channel frames are transmitted on the control channel only if there is scheduling or control information available for remote station **6**. Otherwise, only power control bits are transmitted on the control channel.

[0042] In the exemplary embodiment, the control channel is supported by soft handoff to increase reliability in the

reception of the control channel. In the exemplary embodiment, the control channel is placed in and out of soft handoff in the manner specified by the IS-95 standard. In the exemplary embodiment, to expedite the scheduling process for the forward and reverse links, the control frames are each one quarter of the traffic channel frame, or 5 msec for 20 msec traffic channel frames.

IX. Control Channel Frame Structure

[0043] The exemplary control channel frame formats for the forward and reverse link schedules are shown in Table 1 and Table 2, respectively. Two separate scheduling control channel frames, one for the forward link and another for the reverse link, allow for independent forward and reverse link scheduling.

[0044] In the exemplary embodiment, as shown in Table 1, the control channel frame format for the forward link schedule comprises the frame type, the assigned forward link rate, and the duration of the forward link rate assignment. The frame type indicates whether the control channel frame is for the forward link schedule, the reverse link schedule, the supplemental channel active set, or the erasure-indicator-bit (EIB) and fundamental frame indicator. Each of these control channel frame formats is discussed below. The forward link rate indicates the assigned data rate for the upcoming data transmission and the duration field indicates the duration of the rate assignment. The exemplary number of bits for each field is indicated in Table 1, although different number of bits can be used and are within the scope of the present invention.

Table 1

Description	# of Bits
Frame Type	2
Forward Link Rate	4
Duration of Forward Link Rate Assignment	4
Total	10

[0045] In the exemplary embodiment, as shown in Table 2, the control channel frame format for the reverse link schedule comprises the frame type, the granted reverse link rate, and the duration of the reverse link rate assignment. The reverse link rate indicates the data rate which has been granted for the upcoming data transmission. The duration field indicates the duration of the rate assignment for each of the carriers.

Table 2

Description	# of Bits
Frame Type	2
Reverse Link Rate (Granted)	4
Duration of Reverse Link Rate Assignment	12 (4 per carrier)
Total	18

[0046] In the exemplary embodiment, base station **4** can receive reports from remote station **6** indicating the identity of the strongest pilot within the active set of remote station **6** and all other pilots in the active set which are received within a predetermined power level (ΔP) of the strongest pilot. This is discussed in detail below. In response to this power measurement report, base station **4** can send a control channel frame on the control channel to identify a modified set of channels from which remote station **6** is to receive supplemental channels. In the exemplary embodiment, the code channels corresponding to the supplemental channels for all members of the active set are transmitted to remote station **6** via signaling messages.

[0047] The exemplary control channel frame format that is used by base station **4** to identify the new set of base stations **4** from which supplemental channel frames are transmitted is shown in Table 3. In the exemplary embodiment, this control channel frame comprises the frame type and the supplemental active set. In the exemplary embodiment, the supplemental active set field is a bit-map field. In the exemplary embodiment, a one in position i of this field indicates that supplemental channel is transmitted from the i -th base station **4** in the active set.

Table 3

Description	# of Bits
Frame Type	2
Supplemental Active Set	6
Total	8

[0048] The exemplary control channel frame format used to transmit the process fundamental channel indicator bit and the EIBs is shown in Table 4. In the exemplary embodiment, this control channel frame comprises the frame type, the fundamental and supplemental channel EIBs, and the process fundamental channel bit. The fundamental EIB indicates whether a previously received reverse link fundamental channel frame was erased. Similarly, the supplemental EIB indicates whether a previously received reverse link supplemental channel frame was erased. The process fundamental channel bit (or the indicator bit) informs remote station 6 to demodulate the fundamental channel for information.

Table 4

Description	# of Bits
Frame Type	2
EIB for Reverse Fundamental Channel	1
EIB for Reverse Supplemental Channel	1
Process Fundamental Channel	1
Total	5

X. Reverse Link Channels

[0049] In the exemplary embodiment, the reverse link comprises the following physical channels : access channel, pilot/control channel, fundamental channel, and supplemental channel. In the exemplary embodiment, the reverse link physical channels facilitate transmissions of a variety of logical channels. The reverse link logical channels comprise : the physical layer control, MAC, user traffic stream, and signaling. A diagram illustrating the relationship between the physical and logical channels on the reverse link is shown in FIG. 4. The reverse link logical channels are further described below.

XI. Reverse Access Channel

[0050] In the exemplary embodiment, the access channel is used by remote stations 6 to send origination message to base station 4 to request a fundamental channel. The access channel is also used by remote station 6 to respond to paging messages. In the exemplary embodiment, the structure of the access channel can be similar to that of the IS-95 system.

XII. Reverse Fundamental Channel

[0051] In the exemplary embodiment, reverse traffic channels are used to transmit voice, data, and signaling messages from remote stations 6 to base stations 4 during a communication. In the exemplary embodiment, the reverse traffic channels comprise fundamental channels and supplemental channels. Fundamental channels can be used to transmit voice traffic, IS-707 data traffic, and signaling traffic. In the exemplary embodiment, supplemental channels are only used to transmit high speed data.

[0052] In the exemplary embodiment, the frame structure of the reverse fundamental channel is similar to that of the IS-95 system. Therefore, the data rate of the fundamental channel can vary dynamically and a rate determination mechanism is utilized to demodulate the received signal at base station 4. An exemplary rate determination mechanism is disclosed in copending U.S. Patent No. US 5774496, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING DATA RATE OF TRANSMITTED VARIABLE RATE DATA IN A COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVER," filed April 26, 1994, issued on 30 June 1998, and assigned to the assignee of the present invention. Yet another rate determination mechanism is described in U.S. Patent No. US 5 751 725, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING THE RATE OF RECEIVED DATA IN A VARIABLE RATE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM", filed October 18, 1996, issued on 12 May

1998, and assigned to the assignee of the present invention. In the exemplary embodiment, signaling information is transmitted on the fundamental channel using dim-and-burst and blank-and-burst formats as disclosed in the aforementioned U.S. Patent No. 5,504,773.

XIII. Reverse Supplemental Channel

[0053] In the exemplary embodiment, the supplemental channel is used to support high speed data services. In the exemplary embodiment, the supplemental channel supports a plurality of data rates but the data rate does not change dynamically during a transmission. In the exemplary embodiment, the data rate on the supplemental channel is requested by remote station 6 and granted by base station 4.

XIV. Reverse Pilot/Control Channel

[0054] In the exemplary embodiment, the pilot and control information on the reverse link are time multiplexed on the pilot/control channel. In the exemplary embodiment, the control information comprises the physical layer control and MAC. In the exemplary embodiment, the physical layer control comprises the erasure indicator bits (EIB_S) for the forward fundamental and supplemental channels, the forward power control bits, inter-cell Δ power levels, and inter-carrier power levels. In the exemplary embodiment, the MAC comprises the queue size which is indicative of the amount of information to be transmitted by remote station 6 on the reverse link and the current power headroom of remote station 6.

[0055] In the exemplary embodiment, two EIB bits are used to support the forward fundamental and supplemental channels. In the exemplary embodiment, each EIB bit indicates an erased frame received two frames back of the respective forward traffic channel for which the EIB bit is assigned. The discussion on the implementation and use of EIB transmission are disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,568,483, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE FORMATTING OF DATA FOR TRANSMISSION", and assigned to the assignee of the present invention.

[0056] In the exemplary embodiment, the forward fundamental and/or supplemental channel can be transmitted from the "best" set of base stations 4. This takes advantage of space diversity and can potentially result in less required power for transmission on the forward traffic channels. The inter-cell Δ power levels is transmitted by remote station 6 on the pilot/control channel to indicate to base stations 4 the difference in the received power levels from the base stations 4 that remote station 6 observes. Base stations 4 use this information to determine the "best" set of base stations 4 for the purpose of transmitting the forward fundamental and supplemental channels.

[0057] In the exemplary embodiment, the inter-cell Δ power levels identify the pilot in the active set of remote station 6 with the highest energy-per-chip-to-interference ratio (E_c/I_0) and all pilots in the active set whose E_c/I_0 is within a predetermined power level (ΔP) of the pilot with the highest E_c/I_0 . An exemplary method and apparatus for measuring pilot power level is disclosed in U.S. Patent No. US 5903554, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MEASURING LINK QUALITY IN A SPREAD SPECTRUM COMMUNICATION SYSTEM", filed September 27, 1996, issued on 11 May 1999, and assigned to the assignee of the present invention. In the exemplary embodiment, three bits are used to specify the index of the pilot (or the particular base station 4) with the highest E_c/I_0 in the active set. In the exemplary embodiment, the number of pilots within the active set is limited to six. Thus, a bit-map field of length five can be used to identify all pilots whose E_c/I_0 is within ΔP of the strongest pilot. For example, a "one" can indicate that the pilot assigned to a particular bit position is within ΔP of the strongest pilot and a "zero" can indicate that the pilot is not within ΔP of the strongest pilot. Therefore, a total of eight bits are utilized for the inter-cell Δ power levels. This is indicated in Table 3.

Table 5

Description	# of Bits
Fundamental EIB	1
Supplemental EIB	1
Inter-Cell Δ Power Levels	8 (3+5)
Inter-Carrier Power Levels	12 (4 bits/carrier)
Queue Size	4
Power Headroom	4

[0058] An exemplary illustration of the use of the inter-cell Δ power levels to control the forward supplemental channel transmission is shown in FIGS. 5A and 5B. Initially, in FIG. 5A, base station A transmits the fundamental and supplemental

channels, base station B transmits the fundamental channel, and base station C transmits the fundamental channel. Remote station 6 measures the forward link power and determines that the power level received from base station C is higher than the power level received from base station A. Remote station 6 transmits the inter-cell Δ power levels to the base stations indicating this condition. The forward supplemental channel transmission is then switched from base station A to base station C in response thereto, as shown in FIG. 5B.

[0059] In the exemplary embodiment, the inter-carrier power levels is used to report the received power on each of the carriers. In the multi-carrier environment, different carriers may fade independently and it is possible that one or more of the carriers experience a deep fade while the remaining carriers are received significantly stronger. In the exemplary embodiment, remote station 6 can indicate the strength of the carriers using the inter-carrier power levels.

[0060] An exemplary diagram of the spectrum of the received multi-carrier signal is shown in FIG. 6. It can be noted from FIG. 6 that carrier C is received weaker than carriers A and B. In the exemplary embodiment, the three carriers are power controlled together by the forward power control bits. Base stations 4 can use the inter-carrier power levels to assign different rates to each of the carriers. Alternatively, base stations 4 can use the inter-carrier power levels from remote station 6 to increase the transmit gain for the weaker carrier such that all carriers are received at the same energy-per-bit-to-interference ratio (E_c/I_0).

[0061] In the exemplary embodiment, a maximum of 16 rates for the reverse link require scheduling. Thus, 16 levels of quantization is sufficient to specify the power headroom of remote station 6. The maximum reverse link rate can be expressed as :

$$\text{Max_Rate_Possible} = \text{Current_Reverse_Rate} + \left(\frac{\text{Power_Headroom}}{E_b_Required} \right), \quad (1)$$

where $E_b_Required$ is the energy-per-bit required for remote station 6 to transmit on the reverse link. From equation (1) and assuming that 4 bits are used by base station 4 to indicate the granted rate, a one-to-one relationship between the Max_Rate_Possible and Power_Headroom is possible if 4 bits are allocated to the power headroom parameter. In the exemplary embodiment, up to three carriers are supported. Thus, the inter-carrier power levels comprise 12 bits to identify the strength of each of the three carriers (4 bits per carrier).

[0062] Once base station 4 determines the granted rate, the duration of the reverse link rate assignment can be computed using the queue size information from remote station 6 through the following relationship :

$$\text{Queue_Size} = \text{Reverse_Rate} \cdot \text{Assignment_Duration} . \quad (2)$$

Therefore, the granularity of the queue size should be the same as the granularity with which base station 4 uses to specify the duration of the rate assignment (e.g., 4 bits).

[0063] The above discussion assumes a maximum of 16 rates which require scheduling and a maximum of three carriers. Different number of bits can be used to support different number of carriers and rates and are within the scope of the present invention.

XV. Timing and Scheduling

[0064] As stated above, the control information is time-multiplexed with the pilot data. In the exemplary embodiment, the control information is spread within a frame such that continuous transmission occurs. In the exemplary embodiment, each frame is further divided into four equal control frames. Thus, for a 20 msec frame, each control frame is 5 msec in duration. The partition of a forward channel frame into different number of control frames can be contemplated and is within the scope of the present invention.

[0065] A diagram of an exemplary reverse link pilot/control channel frame format is shown in FIG. 7A. In the exemplary embodiment, inter-cell Δ power levels 112 is transmitted in the first control frame of a frame, inter-carrier power levels 114 is transmitted in the second control frame, EIB bits 116 are transmitted in the third control frame, and reverse link rate request (RL rate request) 118 is transmitted in the fourth control frame.

[0066] An exemplary timing diagram illustrating the reverse link high speed data transmission is shown in FIG. 7B. Remote station 6 transmits the RL rate request in the fourth control frame of frame i to base station 4, at block 212. In the exemplary embodiment, the RL rate request comprises the 4-bit queue size and the 4-bit power headroom as described above. Channel element 42 receives the request and sends the request, along with the E_b/N_0 required by

remote station 6, to scheduler 12 within the first control frame of frame $i+1$, at block 214. Scheduler 12 receives the request in the third control frame of frame $i+1$, at block 216, and schedules the request. Scheduler 12 then sends the schedule to channel element 42 in the first control frame of frame $i+2$, at block 218. Channel element 42 receives the schedule in the third control frame of frame $i+2$, at block 220. The forward link control frame containing the reverse link schedule is transmitted to remote station 6 in the third control frame of frame $i+2$, at block 222. Remote station 6 receives the reverse link schedule within the fourth control frame of frame $i+2$, at block 224, and starts transmitting at the scheduled rate in frame $i+3$, at block 226.

[0067] Base station 4 uses the inter-cell Δ power levels, which is transmitted in the first control frame by remote station 6, to select the base stations 4 from which the supplemental channel is transmitted. An exemplary timing diagram illustrating the use of inter-cell Δ power levels is shown in FIG. 7C. Remote station 6 transmits the inter-cell Δ power levels in the first control frame of frame i to base station 4 at block 242. Channel element 42 receives the inter-cell Δ power levels and sends the information to base station controller (BSC) 10 in the second control frame of frame i , at block 244. Base station controller 10 receives the information in the fourth control frame of frame i , at block 246. Base station controller 10 then determines the new active set for the supplemental channels in the first control frame of frame $i+1$, at block 248. Channel element 42 receives the forward link control channel frame containing the new supplemental active set and transmits it on the forward link control channel at the third control frame of frame $i+1$, at block 250. Remote station 6 finishes decoding the forward link control channel frame within the fourth control frame of frame $i+1$, at block 252. Remote station 6 starts demodulating the new supplemental channel at frame $i+2$, at block 254.

[0068] Base station 4 uses the inter-carrier power levels, which is transmitted in the second control frame by remote station 6, to assign rates to each of the carriers to support remote station 6. An exemplary timing diagram illustrating the use of inter-carrier power levels is shown in FIG. 7D. Remote station 6 transmits the inter-carrier power levels in the second control frame of frame i to base station 4, at block 262. Channel element 42 decodes the frame in the third control frame of frame i , at block 264. Base station 4 receives the inter-carrier power levels and assigns rates to each of the carriers in the fourth control frame of frame i , at block 266. In the exemplary embodiment, the inter-carrier power levels is not routed through the backhaul. Therefore, the appropriate action can take effect in the next frame after receiving the inter-carrier power levels. The forward link control channel frame containing rates for each of the carriers is transmitted in the first control frame of frame $i+1$, at block 268. Remote station 6 finishes decoding the forward link control channel frame in the second control frame of frame $i+1$, at block 270. Remote station 6 starts demodulating in accordance with the new rates for the carriers in frame $i+2$, at block 272.

[0069] In the exemplary embodiment, the EIB bits are transmitted in the third control frame on the pilot/control channel to indicate an erased frame received on the fundamental and supplemental channels by remote station 6. In the exemplary embodiment, the EIB bits can be used by high speed data services as a layer-2 acknowledgment (ACK) or negative acknowledgment (NACK) in place of the NACK radio link protocol (RLP) frames defined by the IS-707 standard entitled "TIA/EIA/IS-707 DATA SERVICE OPTIONS FOR WIDEBAND SPREAD SPECTRUM SYSTEMS". The EIB bits of the present embodiment are shorter and have less processing delays than the NACK RLP frames. An exemplary timing diagram illustrating the transmission of the EIB bits is shown in FIG. 7E. Remote station 6 receives data on the traffic channel on the forward link in frame $i-2$, at block 282. Remote station 6 finished decoding frame $i-2$ and determines whether the data frame is erased or not in the first control frame of frame i , at block 284. The EIB bits indicative of the condition of the data frames received in frame $i-2$ on the forward traffic channel are transmitted by remote station 6 in the third control frame of frame i , at block 286.

[0070] The reverse link pilot/control channel frame format as described above is an exemplary format which minimizes the processing delays for the processes which utilize the information contained in the pilot/control channel frame. For some communication systems, some of the information described above are not applicable nor required. For example, a communication system which operates with one carrier does not require the inter-carrier power levels. For other communication systems, additional information are utilized to implement various system functions. Thus, pilot/control channel frame formats containing different information and utilizing different ordering of the information can be contemplated and are within the scope of the present invention.

XVI. Remote Station Operating Modes

[0071] In the exemplary embodiment, to more fully utilize the available forward and reverse link capacity, the traffic channels are released during periods of inactivity. In the exemplary embodiment, remote station 6 operates in one of three modes : traffic channel mode, suspended mode, and dormant mode. The transition into and out of each mode is dependent on the length of the inactivity period.

[0072] An exemplary timing diagram showing the transitions to the suspended and dormant modes is shown in FIG. 8A and an exemplary state diagram showing the transitions between the various operating modes is shown in FIG. 8B. The traffic (or activity) in the forward and/or reverse traffic channels is represented by remote station 6 being in the traffic channel mode 312a, 312b, and 312c in FIG. 8A and traffic channel mode 312 in FIG. 8B. The period of inactivity, denoted

as T_{idle} , is the time duration since the termination of the last data transmission. In the exemplary embodiment, if the period of inactivity exceeds a first predetermined idle period T_s , remote station 6 is placed in suspended mode 314. Once in suspended mode 314, if the period of inactivity exceeds a second predetermined idle period T_d , where $T_d > T_s$, remote station 6 is placed in dormant mode 316. In either suspended mode 314 or dormant mode 316, if base station 4 or remote station 6 has data to communicate, remote station 6 can be assigned a traffic channel and brought back to traffic channel mode 312 (as shown in FIG. 8B). In the exemplary embodiment, T_s is selected to be approximately one second and T_d is selected to be approximately 60 seconds, although other values for T_s and T_d can be selected and are within the scope of the present invention.

XVII. Remote Station Suspended Mode

[0073] Remote station 6 enters the suspended mode after the period of inactivity exceeds a first predetermined idle period T_s . In the exemplary embodiment, in the suspended mode, the traffic channel is released but the state information is retained by both remote station 6 and base station 4 so that remote station 6 can be brought back to the traffic channel mode in a short time period. In the exemplary embodiment, the state information which is stored in the suspended mode comprises the RLP state, the traffic channel configuration, the encryption variables, and the authentication variables. These state information are defined by the IS-95 and the IS-707 standards. The traffic channel configuration can comprise the service configuration, the connected service options and their characteristics, and power control parameters. Since the state information are stored, remote station 6 can be brought back to the traffic channel mode and assigned a traffic channel after reception of a channel assignment message.

[0074] In the exemplary embodiment, while in the suspended mode, remote station 6 continuously monitor the paging channel in the non-slotted mode and processes the overhead messages which are broadcast to all remote stations 6 on the paging channel. Remote station 6 may send location update messages to base station 4 in order to inform base station controller 10 of its current location. An exemplary diagram showing a scenario wherein remote station 6k, which operates in the suspended mode, sends a location update message upon detecting a new pilot is shown in FIG. 8C. Remote station 6k receives the pilots from base stations 4i and 4j and the new pilot from base station 4k. Remote station 6k then transmits a location update message on the reverse link which is received by base stations 4i, 4j, and 4k. Remote station 6k can also send a suspended location update message if the pilot from one of the base stations 4 drops below a predetermined threshold. In the exemplary embodiment, the suspended location update message is transmitted on the access channel.

[0075] In the exemplary embodiment, the location update messages are routed to base station controllers 10 by base stations 4. Thus, base station controller 10 is constantly aware of the location of remote station 6 and can compose a channel assignment message and bring remote station 6 to the traffic channel mode in the soft handoff mode.

XVIII. Remote Station Dormant Mode

[0076] In the exemplary embodiment, remote station 6 monitors the paging channel in slotted mode while in the dormant mode to conserve battery power. In the exemplary embodiment, the dormant mode is similar to that defined by IS-707 standard.

[0077] In the exemplary embodiment, no call related state information is retained by base station 4 nor remote station 6 in the dormant mode and only the state of the point-to-point protocol (PPP) is maintained by remote station 6 and base station 4. As a result, remote station 6 and base station 4 traverse through the call setup process (which comprises the page, page response, and channel assignment) before remote station 6 is assigned a traffic channel and brought back to the traffic channel mode.

XIX. Transition to Traffic Channel Mode

[0078] In the exemplary embodiment, the transitions of remote station 6 from the suspended or dormant mode to the traffic channel mode can be initiated by either base station 4 or remote station 6. The exemplary diagrams illustrating the protocol for a base station initiated transitions from the suspended and dormant modes to the traffic channel mode are shown in FIGS. 9A and 9B, respectively. Base station 4 initiates the process if it has data to communication to remote station 6. If remote station 6 is in suspended mode (see FIG. 9A), base station 4 transmits a channel assignment message on the paging channel and data transmission can occur shortly thereafter. If remote station 6 is in the dormant mode (see FIG. 9B), base station 4 first transmit a paging message on the paging channel. Remote station 6 receives the paging message and transmits a page response message in acknowledgment. Base station 4 then transmits the channel assignment message. After a series of service negotiation messages, the call set up is completed and data transmission can occur thereafter. As shown in FIGS. 9A and 9B, the transition from the suspended mode to the traffic channel mode is quicker than the transition from the dormant mode to the traffic channel mode because the state of the call is maintained

by both remote station 6 and base station 4.

[0079] The exemplary diagram illustrating the protocol for the remote station initiated transitions from the suspended and dormant mode to the traffic channel mode are shown in FIGS. 9C and 9D, respectively. Remote station 6 initiates the process if it has data to communication to base station 4. If remote station 6 is in the suspended mode (see FIG. 9C), remote station 6 transmits a reconnect message to base station 4. Base station 4 then transmits a channel assignment message and data transmission can occur shortly thereafter. If remote station 6 is in the dormant mode (see FIG. 9D), remote station 6 first transmits an origination message to base station 4. Base station 4 then transmits the channel assignment message. After a series of service negotiation messages, the call set up is completed and data transmission can occur thereafter.

[0080] The present invention has been described by a number of physical channels which facilitate communication of the plurality of logical channels described above. Other physical channels can also be utilize to implement additional functions which may be required for the communication system wherein the channels are used. Furthermore, the physical channels described above can be multiplexed and/or combined such that the required functions can be performed and these various combinations of the physical channels are within the scope of the present invention.

Claims

1. A method of providing a channel structure in a telecommunications system in which spread spectrum techniques are used, and in which said channel structure supports at least one paging channel, wherein each paging channel is for transmitting paging messages to a plurality of remote stations (6), and in which the channel structure supports a supplemental channel, wherein each supplemental channel is for transmitting high speed data traffic, comprising the step of:

exchanging voice traffic and data traffic, using a fundamental channel, between a remote station (6) of said plurality of remote stations and another station, wherein said fundamental channel can be used only when said remote station (6) is in a traffic channel mode; and the method **characterised by** further comprising the step of:

exchanging signaling information, using a control channel, between said remote station (6) and said another station, wherein said control channel can be used only when said remote station is in said traffic channel mode.

2. The method of Claim 1, wherein said another station is a base station (4), and wherein said remote station is in said traffic channel mode only when said remote station (6) is not monitoring the paging channel.

3. The method of Claim 1 or 2, wherein said control channel comprises control frames, wherein the length of each of said control frames is a fraction of the length of a traffic channel frame.

4. The method of any of Claims 1 to 3, comprising the steps of using a reverse link to transmit data from a remote station (6) to a base station (4), and using a forward link to transmit data from a base station (4) to a remote station (6), wherein control frames in the reverse link direction comprise one or more reverse link messages comprising:

erasure indication bits, EIBs, for informing said base station (4) whether frames received on the forward link fundamental and supplemental channels were received as erasures;

inter-cell power level measurements for informing said base station (4) of a pilot in an active set at said remote station (6) that was received with the highest energy-per-chip-to-interference ratio, and for identifying to said base station all pilots in said remote station's active set where energy-per-chip-to-interference ratio are within a predetermined power level of the pilot received with said highest energy-per-chip-to-interference ratio;

inter-carrier power level measurements for informing said base station (4) of the varying strength of pilots received by said remote station (6) on different carrier frequencies; and

a reverse link data request for requesting a supplemental channel for the transmission of high speed data traffic, wherein said reverse link data request contains a queue size associated with the amount of data ready for transmission on the reverse link, and wherein said reverse link data request contains a power headroom associated with the amount of remaining power that said remote station (6) has available for transmission.

5. The method of Claim 4, further comprising using a reverse link update message, wherein the reverse link update message comprises;
said erasure indication bits;

said inter-cell power level measurements;
said inter-carrier power level measurements; and
said reverse link data request.

- 5 **6.** The method of Claim 5, when said reverse link update message is 30 bits in length, wherein said reverse link update message comprises;
a single bit indicating whether an erasure was received on the forward link of said fundamental channel;
a single bit indicating whether an erasure was received on the forward link of said supplemental channel;
8 bits indicating said inter-cell power level measurements;
10 12 bits indicating said inter-carrier power level measurements; and
8 bits representing fields associated with said reverse link data request.
- 7.** The method of Claim 6, wherein said fields associated with said reverse link data request are contained in an 8 bit reverse link data request message, wherein said reverse link data request message comprises:
15 4 bits indicating said queue size; and
4 bits indicating said power headroom.
- 8.** The method of any of Claims 3 to 7, wherein said control frames in the forward link direction contain one or more forward link messages comprising:
20 forward link scheduling information for informing said remote station (6) that said base station will be assigning a forward link supplemental channel to said remote station at a first data rate for a first duration;
reverse link scheduling information for informing said remote station (6) that said base station will be assigning
25 a reverse link supplemental channel to said remote station at a particular data rate for a particular duration;
supplemental channel base station assignment information for informing said remote station (6) which base stations, from an active pilot set from a remote station, will begin transmitting high speed data to said remote station on a supplemental channel;
erasure indication bits, EIBs, for informing said remote station whether frames received on the reverse link
30 fundamental and supplemental channel were received as erasure; and
a process fundamental channel indication for indicating whether said remote station (6) should demodulate said fundamental channel for information.
- 9.** The method of Claim 8 when said forward link scheduling information is contained in a 10 bit forward link schedule message, wherein said forward link schedule message comprises:
35 2 bits indicating that the frame is a forward link schedule message;
4 bits indicating an assigned forward link rate of said supplemental channel; and
4 bits indicating the duration for which said supplemental channel is assigned said forward link rate.
40 **10.** The method of Claim 8 or 9 when said reverse link scheduling information is contained in an 18 bit reverse link schedule message, wherein said reverse link schedule message comprises:
2 bits indicating that the frame is a reverse link schedule message;
45 2 bits indicating a granted reverse link rate of said supplemental channel; and
12 bits indicating the duration for which said supplemental channel is granted said reverse link rate, wherein each subset of 4 bits represents a single carrier.
- 11.** The method of any of Claims 8 to 10 when said supplemental channel base station assignment information is contained in an 8 bit base station assignment message, wherein said base station (4) assignment message comprises:
50 2 bits indicating that the frame is a base station assignment message; and
6 bits comprising a bit-map, wherein a one in the i-th position of the said bit map indicates that said supplemental
55 channel is transmitted from the i-th base station.
- 12.** The method of any of Claims 8 to 11 when said erasure indication bits and said process fundamental channel indication are contained in a 5 bit process fundamental message, wherein said process fundamental message

comprises:

2 bits indicating that the frame is a process fundamental message;
a single bit indicating whether an erasure was received on the reverse link of said fundamental channel;
a single bit indicating whether an erasure was received on the reverse link of said supplemental channel; and
a single bit indicating whether said remote station (6) should demodulate said fundamental channel.

13. The method of any of Claims 1 to 4, wherein said fundamental channel can be operated in two modes comprising:

a dedicated mode; and
a shared mode.

14. The method of Claim 13, wherein when said fundamental channel is in the dedicated mode, said fundamental channel is used solely for communication between said remote station and said base station (4).

15. The method of Claim 13, wherein when said fundamental channel is in the shared mode, a forward link of the fundamental channel is used for communications between two or more remote stations of said plurality of remote stations and base stations.

16. The method of Claim 13, wherein each remote station (6) in said plurality of remote stations is sent an indication on said control channel indicating when the remote station should demodulate said fundamental channel in the shared mode.

17. The method of any of Claims 13 to 16, wherein said fundamental channel in the shared mode is demodulated by all remote stations of said plurality of remote stations when a broadcast message is sent on said control channel indicating that said fundamental channel in the shared mode should be demodulated.

18. The method of Claim 2, wherein when said remote station exits said traffic channel mode, said remote station (6) and said base station (4) enter a suspended mode wherein information associated with the prior traffic channel mode session is stored in said remote station (6) and said base station (4), and wherein said remote station can quickly reenter said traffic state after receiving a channel assignment message from said base station by utilizing the stored information.

19. The method of Claim 18, wherein said stored information comprises a Radio Link Protocol, RLP, state, a traffic channel configuration, and encryption variables.

20. The method as claimed in any of Claims 1 to 19, wherein the channel structure is a forward link channel structure.

21. The method as claimed in Claim 20, comprising the steps of:

sending fundamental channel traffic from at least one base station to a remote station over a fundamental channel;
sending high speed data traffic from one of said at least one base station (4) to the remote station (6) over at least one supplemental channel; and
wherein said fundamental channel can be operated in two modes, comprising a dedicated mode and a shared mode, wherein when said fundamental channel is in the dedicated mode, said fundamental channel is used solely for communications between said remote station and said base station, wherein when said fundamental channel is in the shared mode, the forward link of said fundamental channel is used for communications between two or more remote stations of said plurality of remote station and said base station, and wherein each remote station of said plurality of remote stations is sent an indication on a control channel indicating when the remote station should demodulate said fundamental channel in a shared mode.

22. The method of Claim 21, wherein said fundamental channel in the shared mode is demodulate by all remote stations of said plurality of remote stations when a broadcast message is sent on said control channel indicating that said fundamental channel in the shared mode should be demodulated.

23. A device for providing a channel structure in a telecommunications system in which spread spectrum techniques are used, and in which said channel structure supports at least one paging channel, wherein each paging channel

is for transmitting paging messages to a plurality of remote stations (6), and in which the channel structure supports a supplemental channel, wherein each supplemental channel is for transmitting high speed data traffic, said device comprising:

means for exchanging voice traffic and data traffic, using a fundamental channel, between a remote station (6) of said plurality of remote stations and another station, wherein said fundamental channel can be used only when said remote station (6) is in a traffic channel mode; and **characterised in that** the device further comprises:

means for exchanging signaling information, using a control channel, between said remote station (6) and said another station, wherein said control channel can be used only when said remote station is in said traffic channel mode.

24. The device of Claim 23, wherein said another station is a base station (4), and wherein said remote station is in said traffic channel mode only when said remote station (6) is not monitoring the paging channel.

25. The device of Claim 23 or 24, wherein said control channel comprises control frames and wherein the length of each of said control frames is a fraction of the length of a traffic channel frame.

26. The device of any of Claims 23 to 25, comprising means for using a reverse link to transmit data from a remote station (6) to a base station (4), and means for using a forward link to transmit data from a base station (4) to a remote station (6), wherein control frames in the reverse link direction comprise one or more reverse link messages comprising:

erasure indication bits, EIBs, for informing said base station (4) whether frames received on the forward link fundamental and supplemental channels were received as erasures;

inter-cell power level measurements for informing said base station (4) of a pilot in an active set at said remote station (6) that was received with the highest energy-per-chip-to-interference ratio, and for identifying to said base station all pilots in said remote station's active set where energy-per-chip-to-interference ratio are within a predetermined power level of the pilot received with said highest energy-per-chip-to-interference ratio;

inter-carrier power level measurements for informing said base station (4) of the varying strength of pilots received by said remote station (6) on different carrier frequencies; and

a reverse link data request for requesting a supplemental channel for the transmission of high speed data traffic, wherein said reverse link data request contains a queue size associated with the amount of data ready for transmission on the reverse link, and wherein said reverse link data request contains a power headroom associated with the amount of remaining power that said remote station (6) has available for transmission.

27. The device of Claim 26, further comprising means for using a reverse link update message, wherein the reverse link update message comprises;

said erasure indication bits;

said inter-cell power level measurements;

said inter-carrier power level measurements; and

said reverse link data request.

28. The device of Claim 27, when said reverse link update message is 30 bits in length, wherein said reverse link update message comprises;

a single bit indicating whether an erasure was received on the forward link of said fundamental channel;

a single bit indicating whether an erasure was received on the forward link of said supplemental channel;

8 bits indicating said inter-cell power level measurements;

12 bits indicating said inter-carrier power level measurements; and

8 bits representing fields associated with said reverse link data request.

29. The device of Claim 28, wherein said fields associated with said reverse link data request are contained in an 8 bit reverse link data request message, and wherein said reverse link data request message comprises:

4 bits indicating said queue size; and

4 bits indicating said power headroom.

- 30.** The device of any of Claims 25 to 29, wherein said control frames in the forward link direction contains one or more forward link messages comprising:

forward link scheduling information for informing said remote station (6) that said base station will be assigning a forward link supplemental channel to said remote station at a first data rate for a first duration;
reverse link scheduling information for informing said remote station (6) that said base station will be assigning a reverse link supplemental channel to said remote station at a particular data rate for a particular duration;
supplemental channel base station assignment information for informing said remote station (6) which base stations, from an active pilot set from a remote station, will begin transmitting high speed data to said remote station on a supplemental channel;
erasure indication bits, EIBs, for informing said remote station whether frames received on the reverse link fundamental and supplemental channel were received as erasures; and
a process fundamental channel indication for indicating whether said remote station (6) should demodulate said fundamental channel for information.

- 31.** The device of Claim 30 when said forward link scheduling information is contained in a 10 bit forward link schedule message, wherein said forward link schedule message comprises:

2 bits indicating that the frame is a forward link schedule message;
4 bits indicating an assigned forward link rate of said supplemental channel; and
4 bits indicating the duration for which said supplemental channel is assigned said forward link rate.

- 32.** The device of Claim 30 or 31 when said reverse link scheduling information is contained in an 18 bit reverse link schedule message, wherein said reverse link schedule message comprises:

2 bits indicating that the frame is a reverse link schedule message;
4 bits indicating a granted reverse link rate of said supplemental channel; and
12 bits indicating the duration for which said supplemental channel is granted said reverse link rate, wherein each subset of 4 bits represents a single carrier.

- 33.** The device of any of Claims 30 to 32 when said supplemental channel base station assignment information is contained in an 8 bit base station assignment message, wherein said base station (4) assignment message comprises:

2 bits indicating that the frame is a base station assignment message; and
6 bits comprising a bit-map, wherein a one in the i-th position of the said bit map indicates that said supplemental channel is transmitted from the i-th base station.

- 34.** The device of any of Claims 30 to 33 when said erasure indication bits and said process fundamental channel indication are contained in a 5 bit process fundamental message, wherein said process fundamental message comprises:

2 bits indicating that the frame is a process fundamental message;
a single bit indicating whether an erasure was received on the reverse link of said fundamental channel;
a single bit indicating whether an erasure was received on the reverse link of said supplemental channel; and
a single bit indicating whether said remote station (6) should demodulate said fundamental channel.

- 35.** The device of any of Claims 23 to 27 wherein said fundamental channel can be operated in two modes comprising:

a dedicated mode; and
a shared mode.

- 36.** The device of Claim 35, wherein when said fundamental channel is in the dedicated mode, said fundamental channel is used solely for communication between said remote station and said base station (4).

- 37.** The device of Claim 35, wherein when said fundamental channel is in the shared mode, a forward link of the fundamental channel is used for communications between two or more remote stations of said plurality of remote stations and base stations.

38. The device of Claim 35, wherein each remote station (6) in said plurality of remote stations is sent an indication on said control channel indicating when the remote station should demodulate said fundamental channel in the shared mode.

39. The device of any of Claims 35 to 38, wherein said fundamental channel in the shared mode is demodulated by all remote stations of said plurality of remote stations when a broadcast message is sent on said control channel indicating that said fundamental channel in the shared mode should be demodulated.

40. The device of Claim 24, wherein when said remote station exits said traffic channel mode, said remote station (6) and said base station (4) enter a suspended mode wherein information associated with the prior traffic channel mode session is stored in said remote station (6) and said base station (4), and wherein said remote station can quickly reenter said traffic state after receiving a channel assignment message from said base station by utilizing the stored information.

41. The device of Claim 39, wherein said stored information comprises a Radio Link Protocol, RLP, state, a traffic channel configuration, and encryption variables.

42. The device as claimed in any of Claims 23 to 41, wherein the channel structure is a forward link channel structure.

43. The device as claimed in Claim 42, comprising:

means for sending fundamental channel traffic from at least one base station to a remote station over a fundamental channel;

means for sending high speed data traffic from one of said at least one base station (4) to the remote station (6) over at least one supplemental channel; and

wherein said fundamental channel can be operated in two modes, comprising a dedicated mode and a shared mode, wherein when said fundamental channel is in the dedicated mode, said fundamental channel is used solely for communications between said remote station and said base station, wherein when said fundamental channel is in the shared mode, the forward link of said fundamental channel is used for communications between two or more remote stations of said plurality of remote station and said base station, and wherein each remote station of said plurality of remote stations is sent an indication on a control channel indicating when the remote station should demodulate said fundamental channel in a shared mode.

44. The device of Claim 42, wherein said fundamental channel in the shared mode is demodulated by all remote stations of said plurality of remote stations when a broadcast message is sent on said control channel indicating that said fundamental channel in the shared mode should be demodulated.

45. The device of any of Claims 23 to 42 wherein the device comprises a transmitter.

46. The device of any of Claims 23 to 42 wherein the device comprises a receiver.

Patentansprüche

1. Ein Verfahren zum Vorsehen einer Kanalstruktur in einem Telekommunikationssystem, in dem Spreizspektrumstechniken verwendet werden, und in dem die Kanalstruktur wenigstens einen Funkruf- bzw. Paging-Kanal unterstützt, wobei jeder Paging-Kanal zum Senden von Paging-Nachrichten ist, und zwar zu einer Vielzahl von entfernten Stationen (6), und in dem die Kanalstruktur einen Ergänzungskanal unterstützt, wobei jeder Ergänzungskanal zum Senden von Hochgeschwindigkeitsdatenverkehr ist, wobei das Verfahren die folgenden Schritte aufweist:

Austauschen von Sprachverkehr und Datenverkehr unter Verwendung eines Fundamentalkanals zwischen einer entfernten Station (6) der Vielzahl von entfernten Stationen und einer anderen Station, wobei der Fundamentalkanal nur benutzt werden kann, wenn die entfernte Station (6) sich in einem Verkehrskanalmodus befindet; und das Verfahren **gekennzeichnet ist dadurch**, dass es weiterhin den folgenden Schritt aufweist:

Austauschen von Signalisierungsinformationen unter Verwendung eines Steuerungskanals zwischen der entfernten Station (6) und der anderen Station, wobei der Steuerungskanal nur benutzt werden kann, wenn die entfernte Station sich in dem Verkehrskanalmodus befindet.

2. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, wobei die andere Station eine Basisstation (4) ist, und wobei die entfernte Station sich nur dann in dem Verkehrskanalmodus befindet, wenn die entfernte Station (6) nicht den Paging-Kanal überwacht.

3. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1 oder 2, wobei der Steuerungskanal Steuerungsrahmen aufweist, wobei die Länge von jedem der Steuerungsrahmen ein Bruchteil der Länge eines Verkehrskanalrahmens ist.

4. Verfahren nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 3, das weiterhin die Schritte des Verwendens einer Rückwärtsverbindung aufweist, um Daten von einer entfernten Station (6) zu einer Basisstation (4) zu senden, und Verwenden einer Vorwärtsverbindung, um Daten von einer Basisstation (4) zu einer entfernten Station (6) zu senden, wobei die Steuerungsrahmen in der Rückwärtsverbindungsrichtung eine oder mehrere Rückwärtsverbindungsdaten aufweisen, die Folgendes aufweisen:

Löschanzeigebits, EIBs, zum Informieren der Basisstation (4), ob Rahmen auf den Vorwärtsverbindungsfundamental- und Ergänzungskanälen empfangen wurden, als Löschungen empfangen wurden;
Zwischenzellenleistungspegelmessungen zum Informieren der Basisstation (4) von einem Piloten in einem aktiven Satz in der entfernten Station (6), der mit dem höchsten Energie-pro-Chip-zu-Interferenzverhältnis empfangen wurde, und zum Identifizieren für die Basisstation von allen Piloten in dem aktiven Satz der entfernten Station, wo das Energie-pro-Chip-zu-Interferenzverhältnis innerhalb eines vorbestimmten Leistungspegels des Piloten, der mit dem höchsten Energie-pro-Chip-zu-Interferenzverhältnis empfangen wurde, ist;
Zwischenträgerleistungspegelmessungen zum Informieren der Basisstation (4) von der variierenden Stärke der Piloten, empfangen durch die entfernte Station (6) auf unterschiedlichen Trägerfrequenzen; und
eine Rückwärtsverbindungsdatenabfrage zum Anfordern eines Ergänzungskanals für die Sendung von Hochgeschwindigkeitsdatenverkehr, wobei die Rückwärtsverbindungsdatenabfrage eine Warteschlangenlänge assoziiert mit der Menge an Daten, die bereit sind für die Sendung auf der Rückwärtsverbindung enthält, und wobei die Rückwärtsverbindungsdatenabfrage einen Leistungs-Headroom bzw. Leistungsbereich enthält, der assoziiert ist mit der Menge an überbleibender Leistung, die die entfernte Station (6) für die Sendung verfügbar hat.

5. Verfahren nach Anspruch 4, das weiterhin das Verwenden einer Rückwärtsverbindungsaktualisierungsnachricht aufweist, wobei die Rückwärtsverbindungsaktualisierungsnachricht Folgendes aufweist;
die Löschanzeigebits;
die Zwischenzellenleistungspegelmessungen;
die Zwischenträgerleistungspegelmessungen; und
die Rückwärtsverbindungsdatenabfrage.

6. Verfahren nach Anspruch 5, wenn die Rückwärtsverbindungsaktualisierungsnachricht 30 Bit lang ist, wobei die Rückwärtsverbindungsaktualisierungsnachricht Folgendes aufweist;
ein einzelnes Bit, das anzeigt, ob eine Löschung auf der Vorwärtsverbindung des Fundamentalkanals empfangen wurde;
ein einzelnes Bit, das anzeigt, ob eine Löschung auf der Vorwärtsverbindung für den Ergänzungskanal empfangen wurde;
8 Bits, die die Zwischenzellenleistungspegelmessungen anzeigen;
12 Bits, die die Zwischenträgerleistungspegelmessungen anzeigen; und
8 Bits, die Felder repräsentieren, die mit der Rückwärtsverbindungsdatenabfrage assoziiert sind.

7. Verfahren nach Anspruch 6, wobei die Felder, die mit der Rückwärtsverbindungsdatenabfrage assoziiert sind, in einer 8-Bit-Rückwärtsverbindungsdatenabfragenachricht enthalten sind, wobei die Rückwärtsverbindungsdatenabfragenachricht Folgendes beinhaltet:

4 Bits, die die Warteschlangenlänge anzeigen; und
4 Bits, die den Leistungs-Headroom anzeigen.

8. Verfahren nach einem der Ansprüche 3 bis 7, wobei der Steuerungsrahmen in der Vorwärtsverbindungsrichtung eine oder mehrere Vorwärtsverbindungsdaten enthält, die Folgendes aufweisen:

Vorwärtsverbindungsplanungsdaten zum Informieren der entfernten Station (6), dass die Basisstation einen Vorwärtsverbindungs Ergänzungskanal zu der entfernten Station bei einer ersten Datenrate für eine erste Dauer zuordnen wird;

Rückwärtsverbindungsplanungsinformationen zum Informieren der entfernten Station (6), dass die Basisstation einen Rückwärtsverbindungsergänzungskanal zu der entfernten Station bei einer bestimmten Datenrate für eine bestimmte Dauer zuordnen wird;

Ergänzungskanalbasisstationszuordnungsinformationen zum Informieren der entfernten Station (6) welche Basisstationen von einem aktiven Pilotsatz von einer entfernten Station beginnen wird mit dem Senden von Hochgeschwindigkeitsdaten zu der entfernten Station auf einem Ergänzungskanal;

Löschanzeigebits, EIBs, zum Informieren der entfernten Station, ob Rahmen, empfangen auf dem Rückwärtsverbindungsfundamental- und Ergänzungskanal, als Löschungen empfangen wurden; und eine Prozessfundamentalkanalanzeige zum Anzeigen, ob die entfernte Station (6) den Fundamentalkanal für Informationen demodulieren sollte.

9. Verfahren nach Anspruch 8, wenn die Vorwärtsverbindungsplanungsnachricht in einer 10-Bit-Vorwärtsverbindungsplanungsnachricht enthalten ist, wobei die Vorwärtsverbindungsplanungsnachricht Folgendes aufweist:

2 Bits, die anzeigen, dass der Rahmen eine Vorwärtsverbindungsplanungsnachricht ist;
4 Bits, die eine zugeordnete Vorwärtsverbindungsrate des Ergänzungskanals anzeigen; und
4 Bits, die die Dauer anzeigen, für welche der Ergänzungskanal der Vorwärtsverbindungsrate zugeordnet ist.

10. Verfahren nach Anspruch 8 oder 9, wenn die Rückwärtsverbindungsplanungsinformationen in einer 18-Bit-Rückwärtsverbindungsplanungsnachricht enthalten sind, wobei die Rückwärtsverbindungsplanungsnachricht Folgendes aufweist:

2 Bits, die anzeigen, dass der Rahmen eine Rückwärtsverbindungsplanungsnachricht ist;
4 Bits, die eine gewährte Rückwärtsverbindungsrate des Ergänzungskanals anzeigen;
12 Bits, die die Dauer anzeigen für welche die Rückwärtsverbindungsrate für den Ergänzungskanal gewährt wurde, wobei jeder Untersatz von 4 Bits einen einzelnen Träger bzw. Carrier repräsentiert.

11. Verfahren nach einem der Ansprüche 8 bis 10, wenn die Ergänzungskanalbasisstationzuordnungsinformation in einer 8-Bit-Basisstationszuordnungsnachricht enthalten ist, wobei die Basisstation-(4)-Zuordnungsnachricht Folgendes aufweist:

2 Bits, die anzeigen, dass der Rahmen eine Basisstationszuordnungsnachricht ist; und
6 Bits, die eine Bit-Abbildung aufweisen, wobei eine eins auf der i^{ten} Position von dieser Bit-Abbildung anzeigt, dass der Ergänzungskanal von der i^{ten} Basisstation gesendet wird.

12. Verfahren nach einem der Ansprüche 8 bis 11, wenn die Löschanzeigebits und die Prozessfundamentalkanalanzeige in einer 5-Bit-Prozessfundamentalnachricht enthalten sind, wobei die Prozessfundamentalnachricht Folgendes aufweist:

2 Bits, die anzeigen, dass der Rahmen eine Prozessfundamentalnachricht ist;
ein einzelnes Bit, das anzeigt, ob eine Löschung auf der Rückwärtsverbindung des Fundamentalkanals empfangen wurde;
ein einzelnes Bit, das anzeigt, ob eine Löschung auf der Rückwärtsverbindung des Ergänzungskanals empfangen wurde; und
ein einzelnes Bit, das anzeigt, ob die entfernte Station (6) den Fundamentalkanal demodulieren sollte.

13. Verfahren nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 4, wobei der Fundamentalkanal in zwei Modi betrieben werden kann, wobei die zwei Modi Folgendes aufweisen:

einen dedizierten Modus; und
einen geteilten Modus.

14. Verfahren nach Anspruch 13, wobei, wenn der Fundamentalkanal sich in dem dedizierten Modus befindet, der Fundamentalkanal einzig für Kommunikation zwischen der entfernten Station und der Basisstation (4) benutzt wird.

15. Verfahren nach Anspruch 13, wobei, wenn der Fundamentalkanal sich in dem geteilten Modus befindet, eine Vorwärtsverbindung des Fundamentalkanals benutzt wird für Kommunikationen zwischen zwei oder mehr entfernten Stationen der Vielzahl von entfernten Stationen und der Basisstationen.

16. Verfahren nach Anspruch 13, wobei jede entfernte Station (6) in der Vielzahl von entfernten Stationen eine Anzeige sendet, und zwar auf dem Steuerungskanal, die anzeigt, wenn die entfernte Station den Fundamentalkanal in dem geteilten Modus demodulieren sollte.

17. Verfahren nach einem der Ansprüche 13 bis 16, wobei der Fundamentalkanal in dem geteilten Modus von allen entfernten Stationen der Vielzahl von entfernten Stationen demoduliert wird, wenn eine Ausstrahlungs- bzw. Broadcast-Nachricht auf dem Steuerungskanal gesendet wird, die anzeigt, dass der Fundamentalkanal in dem geteilten Modus demoduliert werden sollte.

18. Verfahren nach Anspruch 2, wobei, wenn die entfernte Station den Verkehrskanalmodus verlässt, die entfernte Station (6) und die Basisstation (4) einen ausgesetzten Modus betritt, wobei Informationen, assoziiert mit der vorherigen Verkehrskanalmodussitzung, in der entfernten Station (6) und der Basisstation (4) gespeichert wird, und wobei die entfernte Station schnell in den Verkehrszustand zurückkehren kann nach dem Empfangen einer Kanalzordnungsnachricht von der Basisstation durch Verwenden der gespeicherten Informationen.

19. Verfahren nach Anspruch 18, wobei die gespeicherten Informationen einen Funkverbindungsprotokoll- bzw. RLP-Zustand, eine Verkehrskanalkonfiguration und Verschlüsselungsvariablen aufweisen.

20. Verfahren nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 19, wobei die Kanalstruktur eine Vorwärtsverbindungskanalstruktur ist.

21. Verfahren nach Anspruch 20, das weiterhin die folgenden Schritte aufweist:

Senden von Fundamentalkanalverkehr von wenigstens einer Basisstation zu einer entfernten Station über einen Fundamentalkanal;

Senden von Hochgeschwindigkeitsdatenverkehr von einer der wenigstens einen Basisstation (4) zu der entfernten Station (6) über wenigstens einen Ergänzungskanal; und

wobei der Fundamentalkanal in zwei Modi betrieben werden kann, die einen dedizierten Modus und einen geteilten Modus aufweisen, wobei, wenn der Fundamentalkanal sich in dem dedizierten Modus befindet, der Fundamentalkanal einzig benutzt wird für Kommunikationen zwischen der entfernten Station und der Basisstation, wobei, wenn der Fundamentalkanal sich in dem geteilten Modus befindet, die Vorwärtsverbindung des Fundamentalkanals benutzt wird für Kommunikationen zwischen zwei oder mehr entfernten Stationen der Vielzahl von entfernten Stationen und der Basisstation, und wobei jede entfernte Station der Vielzahl von entfernten Stationen eine Anzeige auf einen Steuerungskanal gesendet wird, die anzeigt, wann die entfernte Station den Fundamentalkanal in einem geteilten Modus demodulieren sollte.

22. Verfahren nach Anspruch 21, wobei der Fundamentalkanal in dem geteilten Modus von allen entfernten Stationen der Vielzahl von entfernten Stationen demoduliert wird, wenn eine Ausstrahlungs- bzw. Broadcast-Nachricht auf dem Steuerungskanal gesendet wird, die anzeigt, dass der Fundamentalkanal in dem geteilten Modus demoduliert werden sollte.

23. Ein Gerät zum Vorsehen einer Kanalstruktur in einem Telekommunikationssystem, in dem Spreizspektrumstechniken benutzt werden, und in dem die Kanalstruktur wenigstens einen Funkruf bzw. Paging-Kanal unterstützt, wobei jeder Paging-Kanal zum Senden von Paging-Nachrichten zu einer Vielzahl von entfernten Stationen (6) ist, und in der die Kanalstruktur einen Ergänzungskanal unterstützt, wobei jeder Ergänzungskanal zum Senden von Hochgeschwindigkeitsdatenverkehr ist, wobei das Gerät Folgendes aufweist:

Mittel zum Austauschen von Sprachverkehr und Datenverkehr unter Verwendung eines Fundamentalkanals zwischen einer entfernten Station (6) der Vielzahl von entfernten Stationen und einer anderen Station, wobei der Fundamentalkanal nur benutzt werden kann, wenn die entfernte Station (6) sich in einem Verkehrskanalmodus befindet; und

gekennzeichnet dadurch, dass das Gerät weiterhin Folgendes aufweist: Mittel zum Austauschen von Signalisierungsinformationen unter Verwendung eines Steuerungskanals zwischen der entfernten Station (6) und einer anderen Station, wobei der Steuerungskanal nur benutzt werden kann, wenn die entfernte Station sich in dem Verkehrskanalmodus befindet.

24. Gerät nach Anspruch 23, wobei die andere Station eine Basisstation (4) ist, und wobei die entfernte Station sich in dem Verkehrskanalmodus nur dann befindet, wenn die entfernte Station (6) den Paging-Kanal nicht überwacht.

25. Gerät nach Anspruch 23 oder 24, wobei der Steuerungskanal Steuerungsrahmen aufweist, und wobei die Länge von jedem der Steuerungsrahmen ein Bruchteil der Länge eines Verkehrskanalrahmens ist.

26. Gerät nach einem der Ansprüche 23 bis 25, das Mittel zum Verwenden einer Rückwärtsverbindung aufweist zum Senden von Daten von einer entfernten Station (6) zu einer Basisstation (4), und Mittel zum Verwenden einer Vorwärtsverbindung aufweist zum Senden von Daten von einer Basisstation (4) zu einer entfernten Station (6), wobei die Steuerungsrahmen in der Rückwärtsverbindungsrichtung eine oder mehrere Rückwärtsverbindungsrichten aufweisen, die Folgendes aufweisen:

Löschanzeigebits, EIBs, zum Informieren der Basisstation (4), ob Rahmen, die auf den Vorwärtsverbindungs-fundamental- und Ergänzungs Kanälen empfangen wurden, als Löschungen empfangen wurden;
Zwischenzellenleistungspegelmessungen zum Informieren der Basisstation (4) von einem Piloten in einem aktiven Satz bei der entfernten Station (6), der mit dem höchsten Energie-pro-Chip-zu-Interferenzverhältnis empfangen wurde, und zum Identifizieren für die Basisstation von allen Piloten in dem aktiven Satz der entfernten Station, wo das Energie-pro-Chip-zu-Interferenzverhältnis innerhalb eines vorbestimmten Leistungspegels des Piloten, der mit der höchsten Energie-pro-Chip-zu-Interferenzverhältnis empfangen wurde, ist;
Zwischenträgerleistungspegelmessungen zum Informieren der Basisstation (4) von der variierenden Stärke der Piloten, empfangen durch die entfernte Station (6) auf unterschiedlichen Trägerfrequenzen; und
eine Rückwärtsverbindungsdaten-anfrage zum Anfragen eines Ergänzungs Kanals für die Sendung von Hoch-geschwindigkeitsdatenverkehr, wobei die Rückwärtsverbindungsdaten-anfrage eine Warteschlangengröße, as-soziiert mit der Menge an Daten enthält, die bereit sind zur Sendung auf der Rückwärtsverbindung, und wobei die Rückwärtsverbindungsdaten-anfrage einen Leistungs-Headroom bzw. Leistungskopfbereich, assoziiert mit der Menge an überbleibender Leistung der entfernten Station (6), die für die Sendung verfügbar ist, enthält.

27. Gerät nach Anspruch 26, das weiterhin Mittel zum Verwenden einer Rückwärtsverbindungsaktualisierungsnachricht aufweist, wobei die Rückwärtsverbindungsaktualisierungsnachricht Folgendes aufweist:

die Löschanzeigebits;
die Zwischenzellenleistungspegelmessungen;
die Zwischenträgerleistungspegelmessungen; und
die Rückwärtsverbindungsdaten-anfrage.

28. Gerät nach Anspruch 27, wenn die Rückwärtsverbindungsaktualisierungsnachricht 30 Bits lang ist, wobei die Rückwärtsverbindungsaktualisierungsnachricht Folgendes aufweist:

ein einzelnes Bit, das anzeigt, ob eine Löschung auf der Vorwärtsverbindung des Fundamentalkanals empfan-gen wurde;
ein einzelnes Bit, das anzeigt, ob eine Löschung auf der Vorwärtsverbindung des Ergänzungs Kanals empfangen wurde;
8 Bits, die die Zwischenzellenleistungspegelmessungen anzeigen;
12 Bits, die die Zwischenträgerleistungspegelmessungen anzeigen; und
8 Bits, die die Felder repräsentieren, die mit der Rückwärtsverbindungsdaten-anfrage assoziiert sind.

29. Gerät nach Anspruch 28, wobei die Felder, die mit der Rückwärtsverbindungsdaten-anfrage assoziiert sind, in einer 8-Bit-Rückwärtsverbindungsdaten-anfragenachricht enthalten sind, und wobei die Rückwärtsverbindungsdaten-an-fragenachricht Folgendes aufweist:

4 Bits, die die Warteschlangengröße anzeigen; und
4 Bits, die den Leistungs-Headroom anzeigen.

30. Gerät nach einem der Ansprüche 25 bis 29, wobei die Steuerungsrahmen in der Vorwärtsverbindungsrichtung eine oder mehrere Vorwärtsverbindungsrichten enthalten, die Folgendes aufweisen:

Vorwärtsverbindungsplanungsinformationen zum Informieren der entfernten Station (6), dass die Basisstation einen Vorwärtsverbindungs-ergänzungs Kanal der entfernten Station zu einer ersten Datenrate für eine erste Dauer zuordnen wird;
Rückwärtsverbindungsplanungsinformationen zum Informieren der entfernten Station (6), dass die Basisstation

einen Rückwärtsverbindungs-ergänzungskanal an die entfernte Station zu einer bestimmten Datenrate für eine bestimmte Dauer zuordnen wird;
 Ergänzungskanalbasisstationszuordnungsinformationen zum Informieren der entfernten Station (6), welche Basisstationen von einem aktiven Pilotsatz von einer entfernten Station, beginnen wird Hochgeschwindigkeitsdaten zu der entfernten Station auf einem Ergänzungskanal zu senden;
 Löschanzeigebits, EIBs, zum Informieren der entfernten Station, ob Rahmen empfangen auf dem Rückwärtsverbindungsfundamental- und Ergänzungskanal als Löschungen empfangen wurden; und
 Prozessfundamentalkanalanzeige zum Anzeigen, ob die entfernte Station (6) den Fundamentalkanal für Informationen demodulieren sollte.

31. Gerät nach Anspruch 30, wenn die Vorwärtsverbindungsplanungsinformationen in einer 10-Bit-Vorwärtsverbindungsplanungsnachricht enthalten sind, wobei die Vorwärtsverbindungsplanungsnachricht Folgendes aufweist:

2 Bits, die anzeigen, dass der Rahmen eine Vorwärtsverbindungsplanungsnachricht ist;
 4 Bits, die eine zugeordnete Vorwärtsverbindungsrate von dem Ergänzungskanal anzeigen; und
 4 Bits, die die Dauer anzeigen für die dem Ergänzungskanal die Vorwärtsverbindungsrate zugeordnet ist.

32. Gerät nach Anspruch 30 oder 31, wenn die Rückwärtsverbindungsplanungsinformationen in einer 18-Bit-Rückwärtsverbindungsplanungsnachricht enthalten sind, wobei die Rückwärtsverbindungsplanungsnachricht Folgendes aufweist:

2 Bits, die anzeigen, dass der Rahmen eine Rückwärtsverbindungsplanungsnachricht ist;
 4 Bits, die eine gewährte Rückwärtsverbindungsrate von dem Ergänzungskanal anzeigen; und
 12 Bits, die die Dauer anzeigen, für die dem Ergänzungskanal die Rückwärtsverbindungsrate gewährt ist, wobei jeder Untersatz von 4 Bits einen einzelnen Träger bzw. Carrier repräsentiert.

33. Gerät nach einem der Ansprüche 30 bis 32, wenn die Ergänzungskanalbasisstationszuordnungsinformationen in einer 8-Bit-Basisstationzuordnungsnachricht enthalten sind, wobei die Basisstation-(4)-Zuordnungsnachricht Folgendes aufweist:

2 Bits, die anzeigen, dass der Rahmen eine Basisstationszuordnungsnachricht ist; und
 6 Bits, die eine Bitabbildung aufweisen, wobei eine eins in der i^{ten} Position der Bit-Abbildung anzeigt, dass der Ergänzungskanal von der i^{ten} Basisstation gesendet wird.

34. Gerät nach einem der Ansprüche 30 bis 33, wenn die Löschanzeige Bits und die Prozessfundamentalkanalanzeige in einer 5-Bit-Prozessfundamentalnachricht enthalten sind, wobei die Prozessfundamentalnachricht Folgendes aufweist:

2 Bits, die anzeigen, dass der Rahmen eine Prozessfundamentalnachricht ist;
 ein einzelnes Bit, das anzeigt, ob eine Löschung auf der Rückwärtsverbindung des Fundamentalkanals empfangen wurde;
 ein einzelnes Bit, das anzeigt, ob eine Löschung auf der Rückwärtsverbindung des Ergänzungskanals empfangen wurde; und ein einzelnes Bit, das anzeigt, ob die entfernte Station (6) den Fundamentalkanal demodulieren sollte.

35. Gerät nach einem der Ansprüche 23 bis 27, wobei der Fundamentalkanal in zwei Modi betrieben werden kann, die Folgendes aufweisen:

einen dedizierten Modus; und
 einen geteilten Modus.

36. Gerät nach Anspruch 35, wobei, wenn der Fundamentalkanal sich in dem dedizierten Modus befindet, der Fundamentalkanal einzig benutzt wird für Kommunikation zwischen der entfernten Station und der Basisstation (4).

37. Gerät nach Anspruch 35, wobei, wenn sich der Fundamentalkanal im geteilten Modus befindet, eine Vorwärtsverbindung des Fundamentalkanals benutzt wird für Kommunikationen zwischen zwei oder mehreren entfernten Stationen der Vielzahl von entfernten Stationen und der Basisstationen.

38. Gerät nach Anspruch 35, wobei jede entfernte Station (6) in der Vielzahl von entfernten Stationen eine Anzeige auf dem Steuerungskanal gesendet wird, die anzeigt, wann die entfernte Station den Fundamentalkanal im geteilten Modus demodulieren sollte.

39. Gerät nach einem der Ansprüche 35 bis 38, wobei der Fundamentalkanal in dem geteilten Modus demoduliert wird von allen entfernten Stationen der Vielzahl von entfernten Stationen, wenn eine Ausstrahlungs- bzw. Broadcast-Nachricht auf dem Steuerungskanal gesendet wird, die anzeigt, dass der Fundamentalkanal in dem geteilten Modus demoduliert werden sollte.

40. Gerät nach Anspruch 24, wobei, wenn die entfernte Station den Verkehrskanalmodus verlässt, die entfernte Station (6) und die Basisstation (4) in einen ausgesetzten Modus eintritt, wobei Informationen, assoziiert mit der vorherigen Verkehrskanalmodusnutzung, gespeichert werden in der entfernten Station (6) und der Basisstation (4), und wobei die entfernte Station schnell den Verkehrszustand wieder betreten kann, nachdem eine Kanaluordnungsnachricht von der Basisstation empfangen wird, und zwar durch Verwenden der gespeicherten Informationen.

41. Gerät nach Anspruch 39, wobei die gespeicherten Informationen einen Funkverbindungsprotokoll- bzw. RLP-Zustand, eine Verkehrskanalkonfiguration und Verschlüsselungsvariablen aufweisen.

42. Gerät nach einem der Ansprüche 23 bis 41, wobei die Kanalstruktur eine Vorwärtsverbindungskanalstruktur ist.

43. Gerät nach Anspruch 42, das Folgendes aufweist:

Mittel zum Senden von Fundamentalkanalverkehr von wenigstens einer Basisstation zur einer entfernten Station über einen Fundamentalkanal;

Mittel zum Senden von Hochgeschwindigkeitsdatenverkehr von einer der wenigstens einen Basisstation (4) zu der entfernten Station (6) über wenigstens einen Ergänzungskanal; und

wobei der Fundamentalkanal betrieben werden kann in zwei Modi, die einen dedizierten Modus und einen geteilten Modus aufweisen, wobei, wenn der Fundamentalkanal sich in dem dedizierten Modus befindet, der Fundamentalkanal einzig benutzt wird für Kommunikationen zwischen der entfernten Station und der Basisstation, wobei, wenn der Fundamentalkanal sich in dem geteilten Modus befindet, die Vorwärtsverbindung des Fundamentalkanals benutzt wird für Kommunikationen zwischen zwei oder mehreren entfernten Stationen der Vielzahl von entfernten Stationen und der Basisstation, und wobei jede entfernte Station der Vielzahl von entfernten Stationen eine Anzeige auf einem Steuerungskanal gesendet wird, die anzeigt, wann die entfernte Station den Fundamentalkanal im geteilten Modus demodulieren sollte.

44. Gerät nach Anspruch 42, wobei der Fundamentalkanal in dem geteilten Modus von allen entfernten Stationen der Vielzahl von entfernten Stationen demoduliert wird, wenn eine Ausstrahlungs- bzw. Broadcast-Nachricht auf dem Steuerungskanal gesendet wird, die anzeigt, dass der Fundamentalkanal in dem geteilten Modus demoduliert werden sollte.

45. Gerät nach einem der Ansprüche 23 bis 42, wobei das Gerät einen Sender aufweist.

46. Gerät nach einem der Ansprüche 23 bis 42, wobei das Gerät einen Empfänger aufweist.

Revendications

1. Procédé pour fournir une structure de canal dans un système de télécommunication dans lequel on utilise des techniques à étalement de spectre, et dans lequel la structure de canal comporte au moins un canal de téléavertissement, chaque canal de téléavertissement étant destiné à émettre des messages de téléavertissement vers une pluralité de postes éloignés (6), et dans lequel la structure de canal comporte un canal supplémentaire, chaque canal supplémentaire étant destiné à transmettre des données à grande vitesse, comprenant les étapes suivantes :

échanger des communications vocales et des communications de données, en utilisant un canal fondamental, entre un poste éloigné (6) de la pluralité de postes éloignés et une autre station, le canal fondamental ne pouvant être utilisé que quand le poste éloigné (6) est dans un mode de canal de communication ; et le procédé étant caractérisé en ce qu'il comprend en outre les étapes suivantes :

échanger des informations de signalisation, en utilisant un canal de commande, entre le poste éloigné (6) et ladite autre station, le canal de commande ne pouvant être utilisé que quand le poste éloigné est dans le mode de canal de communication.

5 2. Procédé selon la revendication 1, dans lequel ladite autre station est une station de base (4) et dans lequel le poste éloigné est dans le mode de canal de communication seulement quand le poste éloigné (6) ne surveille pas le canal de téléavertissement.

10 3. Procédé selon la revendication 1 ou 2, dans lequel le canal de commande comprend des trames de commande, la longueur de chaque trame de commande étant une fraction de la longueur d'une trame de canal de communication.

15 4. Procédé selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 3, comprenant des étapes consistant à utiliser une liaison inverse pour transmettre des données à partir d'un poste éloigné (6) vers une station de base (4), et à utiliser une liaison directe pour transmettre des données d'une station de base (4) à un poste éloigné (6), des trames de commande dans la direction de liaison inverse comprenant un ou plusieurs messages en liaison inverse, comprenant :

des bits d'indication d'effacement, EIB, pour informer la station de base (4) si des trames reçues sur les canaux fondamental et supplémentaire en liaison directe ont été reçues en tant qu'effacements ;

20 des mesures de niveau de puissance entre cellules pour informer la station de base (4) d'un pilote dans un ensemble actif au niveau du poste éloigné (6), qui a été reçu avec le rapport le plus élevé entre énergie par élément de code et interférences, et pour identifier pour la station de base tous les pilotes dans l'ensemble actif du poste éloigné pour lesquels le rapport entre énergie par élément de code et interférences est à moins d'un niveau de puissance prédéterminé du pilote reçu avec le rapport le plus élevé entre énergie par élément de code et interférences ;

25 des mesures de niveau de puissance entre porteuses pour informer la station de base (4) de l'intensité variable de pilotes reçus par le poste éloigné (6) sur diverses fréquences de porteuse ; et

30 une requête de données en liaison inverse pour requérir un canal supplémentaire pour la transmission de communications de données à grande vitesse, la requête de données en liaison inverse contenant une dimension de file associée à la quantité de données prête pour la transmission sur la liaison inverse, et la requête de données en liaison inverse contenant une marge de puissance associée à la quantité de puissance restante qui est disponible dans le poste éloigné (6) pour transmission.

35 5. Procédé selon la revendication 4, comprenant en outre l'utilisation d'un message de mise à jour en liaison inverse, le message de mise à jour en liaison inverse comprenant :

les bits d'indication d'effacement ;
les mesures de niveau de puissance entre cellules ;
les mesures de niveau de puissance entre porteuses ; et
40 la requête de données en liaison inverse.

6. Procédé selon la revendication 5, quand le message de mise à jour en liaison inverse a une longueur de 30 bits, dans lequel le message de mise à jour en liaison inverse comprend :

45 un bit unique indiquant si un effacement a été reçu sur la liaison directe du canal fondamental ;
un bit unique indiquant si un effacement a été reçu sur la liaison directe du canal supplémentaire ;
8 bits indiquant les mesures de niveau de puissance entre cellules ;
12 bits indiquant les mesures de niveau de puissance entre porteuses ; et
8 bits représentant des champs associés à la requête de données en liaison inverse.

50 7. Procédé selon la revendication 6, dans lequel les champs associés à la requête de données en liaison inverse sont contenus dans un message de requête de données en liaison inverse de 8 bits, le message de requête de données en liaison inverse comprenant :

55 4 bits indiquant la dimension de file ; et
4 bits indiquant la marge de puissance.

8. Procédé selon l'une quelconque des revendications 3 à 7, dans lequel les trames de commande dans la direction

de liaison directe contiennent un ou plusieurs messages en liaison directe comprenant :

des informations de programmation de liaison directe pour informer le poste éloigné (6) de ce que la station de base affectera un canal supplémentaire en liaison directe au poste éloigné à un premier débit de données pendant une première durée ;
des informations de programmation de liaison inverse pour informer le poste éloigné (6) de ce que la station de base affectera un canal supplémentaire en liaison inverse au poste éloigné à un débit de données particulier pendant une durée particulière ;
des informations d'affectation de station de base de canal supplémentaire pour informer le poste éloigné (6) des stations de base, à partir d'un ensemble de pilotes actifs en provenance d'un poste éloigné, qui commenceront à émettre des données à haute vitesse vers le poste éloigné sur un canal supplémentaire ;
des bits d'indication d'effacement, EIB, pour informer le poste éloigné si des trames reçues sur les canaux fondamental et supplémentaire en liaison inverse ont été reçues en tant qu'effacements ; et
une indication de canal fondamental de traitement pour indiquer si un poste éloigné (6) doit démoduler le canal fondamental pour des informations.

9. Procédé selon la revendication 8, quand les informations de programmation de liaison directe sont contenues dans un message de programmation de liaison directe de 10 bits, dans lequel le message de programmation de liaison directe comprend :

2 bits indiquant que la trame est un message de programmation de liaison directe ;
4 bits indiquant un débit de liaison directe affecté du canal supplémentaire ; et
4 bits indiquant la durée pendant laquelle le canal supplémentaire est affecté au débit en liaison directe.

10. Procédé selon la revendication 8 ou 9, quand les informations de programmation de liaison inverse sont contenues dans un message de programmation de liaison inverse de 18 bits, dans lequel le message de programmation de liaison inverse comprend :

2 bits indiquant que la trame est un message de programmation de liaison inverse ;
4 bits indiquant un débit accordé en liaison inverse du canal supplémentaire ; et
12 bits indiquant la durée pendant laquelle le canal supplémentaire est accordé audit débit en liaison inverse, chaque sous-ensemble de 4 bits représentant une porteuse unique.

11. Procédé selon l'une quelconque des revendications 8 à 10, quand les informations d'affectation de station de base de canal supplémentaire sont contenues dans un message d'affectation de station de base à 8 bits, dans lequel le message d'affectation de station de base (4) comprend :

2 bits indiquant que la trame est un message d'affectation de station de base ; et
6 bits comprenant une carte de bits dans laquelle un "un" à la $i^{\text{ème}}$ position de la carte de bits indique que le canal supplémentaire est transmis à partir de la $i^{\text{ème}}$ station de base.

12. Procédé selon l'une quelconque des revendications 8 à 11, quand les bits d'indication d'effacement et l'indication de canal fondamental de traitement sont contenus dans un message fondamental de traitement de 5 bits, dans lequel le message fondamental de traitement comprend :

2 bits indiquant que la trame est un message fondamental de traitement ;
un bit unique indiquant si un effacement a été reçu sur la liaison inverse du canal fondamental ;
un bit unique indiquant si un effacement a été reçu sur la liaison inverse du canal supplémentaire ; et
un bit unique indiquant si le poste éloigné (6) doit démoduler le canal fondamental.

13. Procédé selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 4, dans lequel le canal fondamental peut être actionné selon deux modes comprenant :

un mode dédié ; et
un mode partagé.

14. Procédé selon la revendication 13, dans lequel, quand le canal fondamental est dans le mode dédié, le canal fondamental est utilisé seulement pour des communications entre le poste éloigné et la station de base (4).

15. Procédé selon la revendication 13, dans lequel, quand le canal fondamental est dans le mode partagé, une liaison directe du canal fondamental est utilisée pour des communications entre deux ou plusieurs postes éloignés de la pluralité de postes éloignés et les stations de base.
- 5 16. Procédé selon la revendication 13, dans lequel, à chaque poste éloigné (6) de la pluralité de postes éloignés, est envoyée une indication sur le canal de commande indiquant quand le poste éloigné doit démoduler le canal fondamental dans le mode partagé.
- 10 17. Procédé selon l'une quelconque des revendications 13 à 16, dans lequel le canal fondamental dans le mode partagé est démodulé par tous les postes éloignés de la pluralité de postes éloignés quand un message diffusé est envoyé sur le canal de commande indiquant que le canal fondamental dans le mode partagé doit être démodulé.
- 15 18. Procédé selon la revendication 2, dans lequel, quand le poste éloigné sort du mode de canal de communication, le poste éloigné (6) et la station de base (4) entrent dans un mode suspendu dans lequel les informations associées à la session antérieure de mode de canal de communication sont mémorisées dans le poste éloigné (6) et la station de base (4), et dans lequel le poste éloigné peut rapidement revenir dans l'état de communication après avoir reçu un message d'affectation de canal à partir de la station de base en utilisant les informations mémorisées.
- 20 19. Procédé selon la revendication 18, dans lequel les informations mémorisées comprennent un état de protocole de liaison radio, RLP, une configuration de canal de communication, et des variables de chiffrement.
- 20 20. Procédé selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 19, dans lequel la structure de canal est une structure de canal de liaison directe.
- 25 21. Procédé selon la revendication 20, comprenant les étapes suivantes :

envoyer des communications de canal fondamental à partir d'au moins une station de base vers un poste éloigné sur un canal fondamental ;
envoyer des communications de données à grande vitesse à partir d'une desdites au moins une station de base (4) vers le poste éloigné (6) sur au moins un canal supplémentaire ; et
le canal fondamental pouvant être actionné selon deux modes, comprenant un mode dédié et un mode partagé, de sorte que, quand le canal fondamental est dans le mode dédié, le canal fondamental est utilisé seulement pour des communications entre le poste éloigné et la station de base, et, quand le canal fondamental est dans le mode partagé, la liaison directe du canal fondamental est utilisée pour des communications entre deux ou plusieurs postes éloignés de la pluralité de postes éloignés et la station de base, et à chaque poste éloigné de la pluralité de postes éloignés est envoyée une indication d'un canal de commande indiquant quand le poste éloigné doit démoduler le canal fondamental en mode partagé.
- 30 22. Procédé selon la revendication 21, dans lequel le canal fondamental en mode partagé est démodulé par tous les postes éloignés de la pluralité de postes éloignés quand un message diffusé est envoyé sur le canal de commande indiquant que le canal fondamental dans le mode partagé doit être démodulé.
- 35 23. Dispositif pour assurer une structure de canal dans un système de télécommunication dans lequel on utilise des techniques à étalement de spectre, la structure de canal comportant au moins un canal de téléavertissement, chaque canal de téléavertissement étant destiné à émettre des messages de téléavertissement vers une pluralité de postes éloignés (6), la structure de canal comportant un canal supplémentaire, chaque canal supplémentaire étant destiné à transmettre des données à grande vitesse, le dispositif comprenant :

des moyens pour échanger des communications vocales et des communications de données, en utilisant un canal fondamental, entre un poste éloigné (6) de la pluralité de postes éloignés et une autre station, le canal fondamental ne pouvant être utilisé que quand le poste éloigné (6) est dans un mode de canal de communication ; et **caractérisé en ce que** le dispositif comprend en outre :

des moyens pour échanger des informations de signalisation, en utilisant un canal de commande, entre le poste éloigné (6) et ladite autre station, le canal de commande ne pouvant être utilisé que quand le poste éloigné est dans le mode de canal de communication.
- 40 24. Dispositif selon la revendication 23, dans lequel ladite autre station est une station de base (4) et dans lequel le
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poste éloigné est dans le mode de canal de communication seulement quand le poste éloigné (6) ne surveille pas le canal de téléavertissement.

25. Dispositif selon la revendication 23 ou 24, dans lequel le canal de commande comprend des trames de commande, et dans lequel la longueur de chaque trame de commande est une fraction de la longueur d'une trame de canal de communication.

26. Dispositif selon l'une quelconque des revendications 23 à 25, comprenant des moyens pour utiliser une liaison inverse pour transmettre des données à partir d'un poste éloigné (6) vers une station de base (4), et des moyens pour utiliser une liaison directe pour transmettre des données d'une station de base (4) vers un poste éloigné (6), des trames de commande dans la direction de liaison inverse comprenant un ou plusieurs messages en liaison inverse, comprenant :

des bits d'indication d'effacement, EIB, pour informer la station de base (4) si des trames reçues sur les canaux fondamental et supplémentaire en liaison directe ont été reçues en tant qu'effacements ;
des mesures de niveau de puissance entre cellules pour informer la station de base (4) d'un pilote, dans un ensemble actif au niveau du poste éloigné (6), qui a été reçu avec le rapport le plus élevé entre énergie par élément de code et interférences, et pour identifier pour la station de base tous les pilotes dans l'ensemble actif du poste éloigné pour lesquels le rapport entre énergie par élément de code et interférences est à moins d'un niveau de puissance prédéterminé du pilote reçu avec le rapport le plus élevé entre énergie par élément de code et interférences ;
des mesures de niveau de puissance entre porteuses pour informer la station de base (4) de l'intensité variable de pilotes reçus par le poste éloigné (6) sur diverses fréquences de porteuse ; et
une requête de données en liaison inverse pour requérir un canal supplémentaire pour la transmission de communication de données à grande vitesse, la requête de données en liaison inverse contenant une dimension de file associée à la quantité de données prête pour la transmission sur la liaison inverse, et la requête de données en liaison inverse contenant une marge de puissance associée à la quantité de puissance restante qui est disponible dans le poste éloigné (6) pour transmission.

27. Dispositif selon la revendication 26, comprenant en outre des moyens pour utiliser un message de mise à jour en liaison inverse, le message de mise à jour en liaison inverse comprenant :

les bits d'indication d'effacement ;
les mesures de niveau de puissance entre cellules ;
les mesures de niveau de puissance entre porteuses ; et
la requête de données en liaison inverse.

28. Dispositif selon la revendication 27, quand le message de mise à jour en liaison inverse a une longueur de 30 bits, le message de mise à jour en liaison inverse comprenant :

un bit unique indiquant si un effacement a été reçu sur la liaison directe du canal fondamental ;
un bit unique indiquant si un effacement a été reçu sur la liaison directe du canal supplémentaire ;
8 bits indiquant les mesures de niveau de puissance entre cellules ;
12 bits indiquant les mesures de niveau de puissance entre porteuses ; et
8 bits représentant des champs associés à la requête de données en liaison inverse.

29. Dispositif selon la revendication 28, dans lequel les champs associés à la requête de données en liaison inverse sont contenus dans un message de requête de données en liaison inverse de 8 bits, le message de requête de données en liaison inverse comprenant :

4 bits indiquant la dimension de file ; et
4 bits indiquant la marge de puissance.

30. Dispositif selon l'une quelconque des revendications 25 à 29, dans lequel les trames de commande dans la direction de liaison directe contiennent un ou plusieurs messages en liaison directe comprenant :

des informations de programmation de liaison directe pour informer le poste éloigné (6) que la station de base affectera un canal supplémentaire en liaison directe au poste éloigné à un premier débit de données pendant

une première durée ;
des informations de programmation de liaison inverse pour informer le poste éloigné (6) que la station de base affectera un canal supplémentaire en liaison inverse au poste éloigné à un débit de données particulier pendant une durée particulière ;
des informations d'affectation de station de base de canal supplémentaire pour informer le poste éloigné (6) des stations de base, à partir d'un ensemble de pilotes actifs en provenance d'un poste éloigné, qui commenceront à émettre des données à grande vitesse vers le poste éloigné sur un canal supplémentaire ;
des bits d'indication d'effacement, EIB, pour informer le poste éloigné si des trames reçues sur les canaux fondamental et supplémentaire en liaison inverse ont été reçues en tant qu'effacements ; et
une indication de canal fondamental de traitement pour indiquer si un poste éloigné (6) doit démoduler le canal fondamental pour des informations.

- 31.** Dispositif selon la revendication 30, quand les informations de programmation de liaison directe sont contenues dans un message de programmation de liaison directe de 10 bits, le message de programmation de liaison directe comprenant :

2 bits indiquant que la trame est un message de programmation de liaison directe ;
4 bits indiquant un débit en liaison directe affecté du canal supplémentaire ; et
4 bits indiquant la durée pendant laquelle le canal supplémentaire est affecté au débit en liaison directe.

- 32.** Dispositif selon la revendication 30 ou 31, quand les informations de programmation de liaison inverse sont contenues dans un message de programmation de liaison inverse de 18 bits, le message de programmation de liaison inverse comprenant :

2 bits indiquant que la trame est un message de programmation de liaison inverse ;
4 bits indiquant un débit accordé en liaison inverse du canal supplémentaire ; et
12 bits indiquant la durée pendant laquelle le canal supplémentaire est accordé au débit en liaison inverse, chaque sous-ensemble de 4 bits représentant une porteuse unique.

- 33.** Dispositif selon l'une quelconque des revendications 30 à 32, quand les informations d'affectation de station de base de canal supplémentaire sont contenues dans un message d'affectation de station de base de 8 bits, le message d'affectation de station de base (4) comprenant :

2 bits indiquant que la trame est un message d'affectation de station de base ; et
6 bits comprenant une carte de bits dans laquelle un "un" à la $i^{\text{ème}}$ position de la carte de bits indique que le canal supplémentaire est transmis à partir de la $i^{\text{ème}}$ station de base.

- 34.** Dispositif selon l'une quelconque des revendications 30 à 33, quand les bits d'indication d'effacement et l'indication de canal fondamental de traitement sont contenus dans un message fondamental de traitement de 5 bits, le message fondamental de traitement comprenant :

2 bits indiquant que la trame est un message fondamental de traitement ;
un bit unique indiquant si un effacement a été reçu sur la liaison inverse du canal fondamental ;
un bit unique indiquant si un effacement a été reçu sur la liaison inverse du canal supplémentaire ; et
un bit unique indiquant si le poste éloigné (6) doit démoduler le canal fondamental.

- 35.** Dispositif selon l'une quelconque des revendications 23 à 27, dans lequel le canal fondamental peut être actionné selon deux modes comprenant :

un mode dédié ; et
un mode partagé.

- 36.** Dispositif selon la revendication 35, dans lequel, quand le canal fondamental est dans le mode dédié, le canal fondamental est utilisé seulement pour des communications entre le poste éloigné et la station de base (4).

- 37.** Dispositif selon la revendication 35, dans lequel, quand le canal fondamental est dans le mode partagé, une liaison directe du canal fondamental est utilisée pour des communications entre deux ou plusieurs postes éloignés de la pluralité de postes éloignés et les stations de base.

38. Dispositif selon la revendication 35, dans lequel, à chaque poste éloigné (6) de la pluralité de postes éloignés, est envoyée une indication sur le canal de commande indiquant quand le poste éloigné doit démoduler le canal fondamental dans le mode partagé.

39. Dispositif selon l'une quelconque des revendications 35 à 38, dans lequel le canal fondamental dans le mode partagé est démodulé par tous les postes éloignés de la pluralité de postes éloignés quand un message diffusé est envoyé sur le canal de commande indiquant que le canal fondamental dans le mode partagé doit être démodulé.

40. Dispositif selon la revendication 24, dans lequel, quand le poste éloigné sort du mode de canal de communication, le poste éloigné (6) et la station de base (4) entrent dans un mode suspendu dans lequel les informations associées à la session antérieure de mode de canal de communication sont mémorisées dans le poste éloigné (6) et la station de base (4), et dans lequel le poste éloigné peut rapidement revenir dans l'état de communication après avoir reçu un message d'affectation de canal à partir de la station de base en utilisant les informations mémorisées.

41. Dispositif selon la revendication 39, dans lequel les informations mémorisées comprennent un état de protocole de liaison radio, RLP, une configuration de canal de communication, et des variables de chiffrement.

42. Dispositif selon l'une quelconque des revendications 23 à 41, dans lequel la structure de canal est une structure de canal de liaison directe.

43. Dispositif selon la revendication 42, comprenant :

des moyens pour envoyer des communications de canal fondamental à partir d'au moins une station de base vers un poste éloigné sur un canal fondamental ;

des moyens pour envoyer des communications de données à grande vitesse à partir de l'une desdites au moins une station de base (4) vers le poste éloigné (6) sur au moins un canal supplémentaire ; et

le canal fondamental pouvant être actionné selon deux modes, comprenant un mode dédié et un mode partagé, de sorte que, quand le canal fondamental est dans le mode dédié, le canal fondamental est utilisé seulement pour des communications entre le poste éloigné et la station de base, et, quand le canal fondamental est dans le mode partagé, la liaison directe du canal fondamental est utilisée pour des communications entre deux ou plusieurs postes éloignés de la pluralité de postes éloignés et la station de base, et à chaque poste éloigné de la pluralité de postes éloignés est envoyée une indication sur un canal de commande indiquant quand le poste éloigné doit démoduler le canal fondamental en mode partagé.

44. Dispositif selon la revendication 42, dans lequel le canal fondamental en mode partagé est démodulé par tous les postes éloignés de la pluralité de postes éloignés quand un message diffusé est envoyé sur le canal de commande indiquant que le canal fondamental dans le mode partagé doit être démodulé.

45. Dispositif selon l'une quelconque des revendications 23 à 42, le dispositif comprenant un émetteur.

46. Dispositif selon l'une quelconque des revendications 23 à 42, le dispositif comprenant un récepteur.

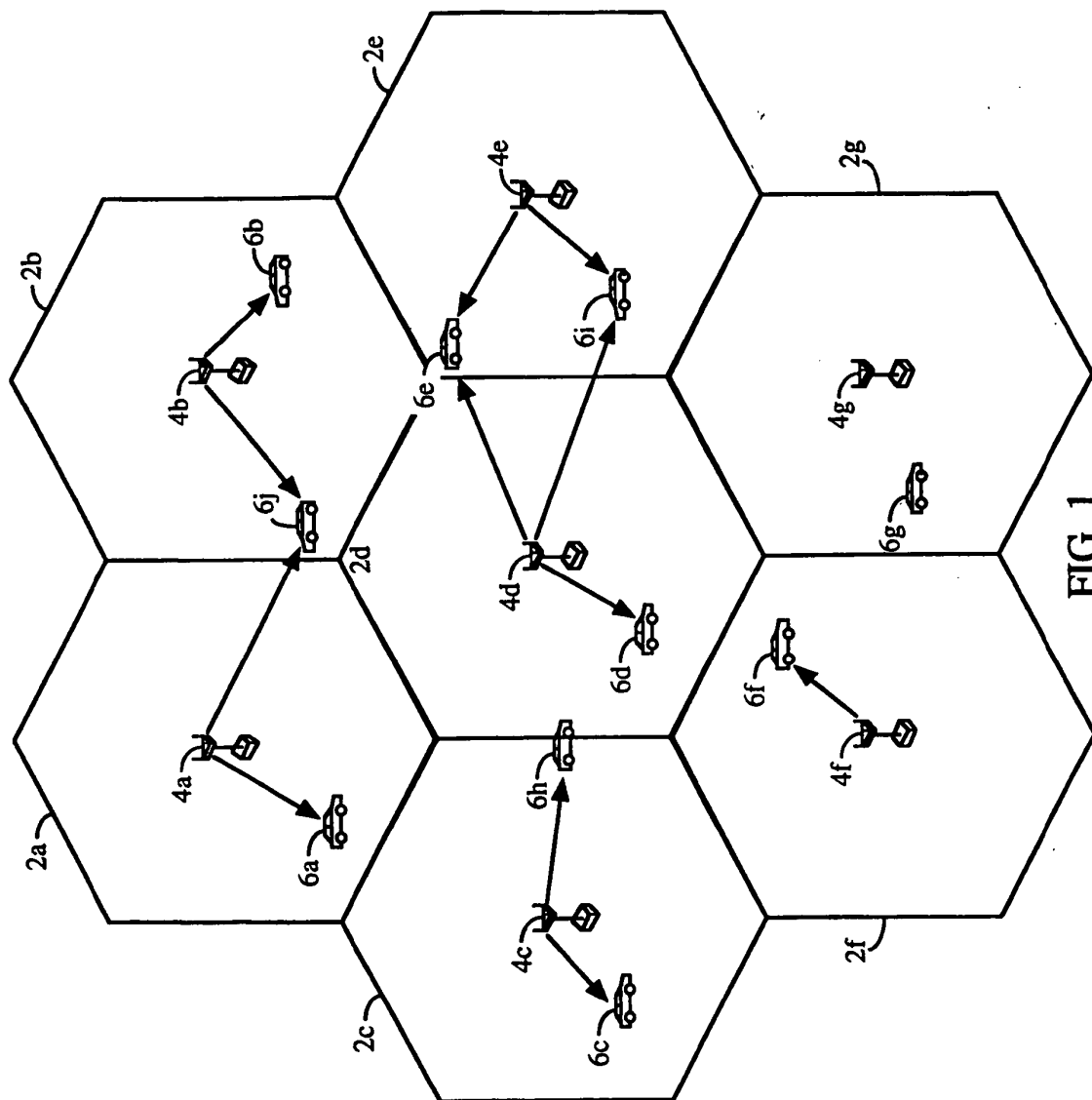


FIG. 1

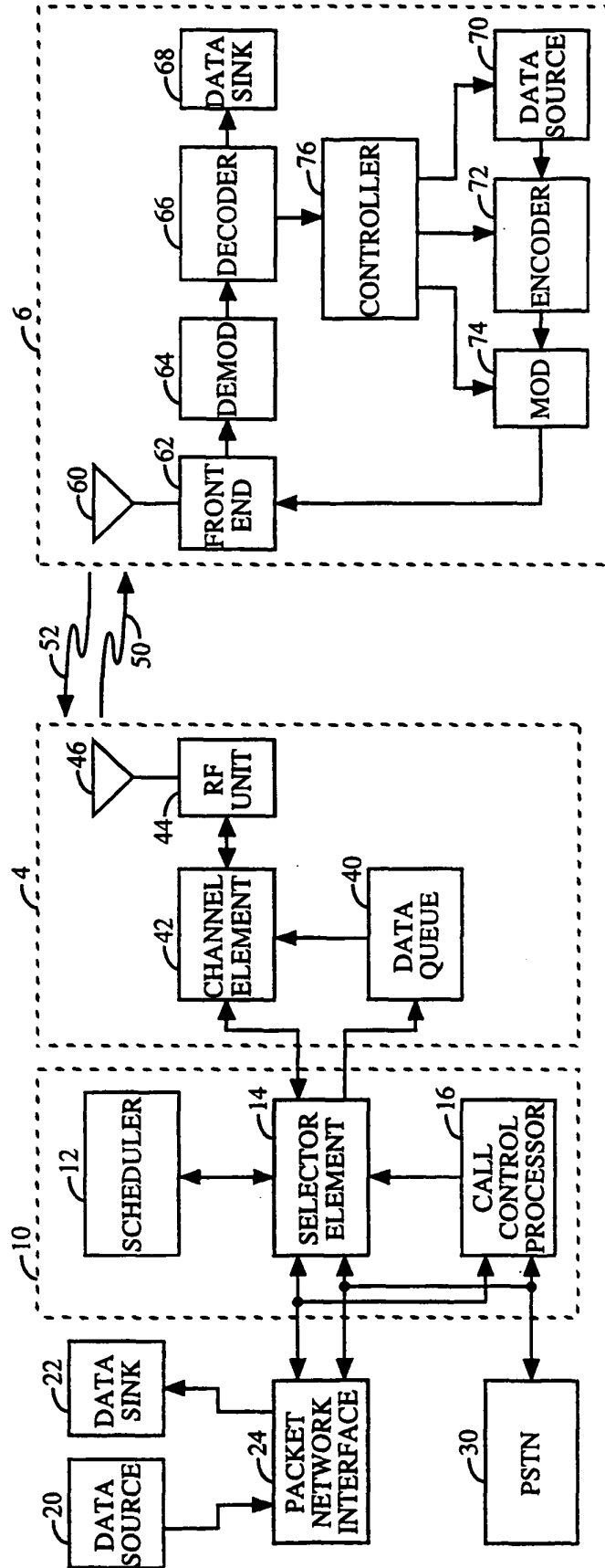


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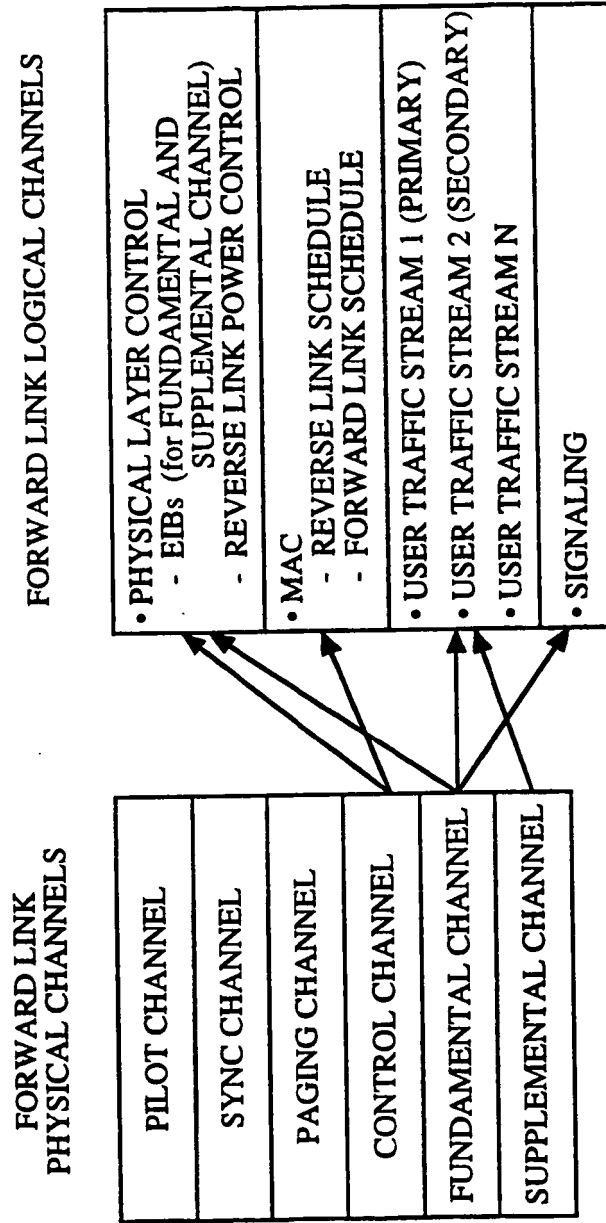


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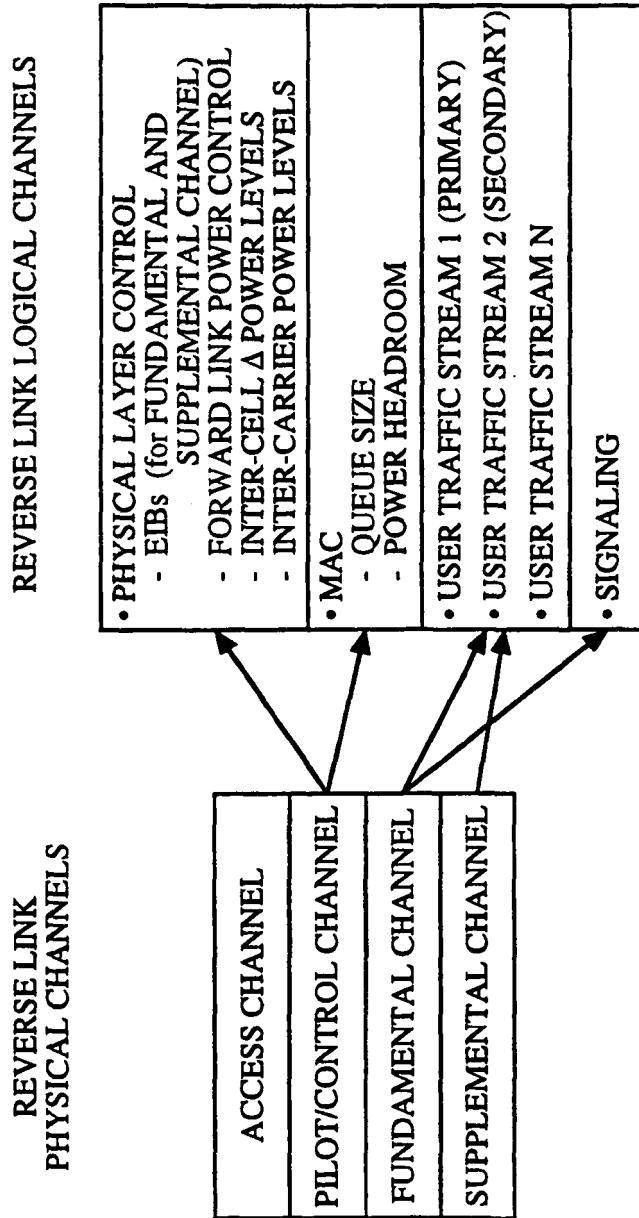
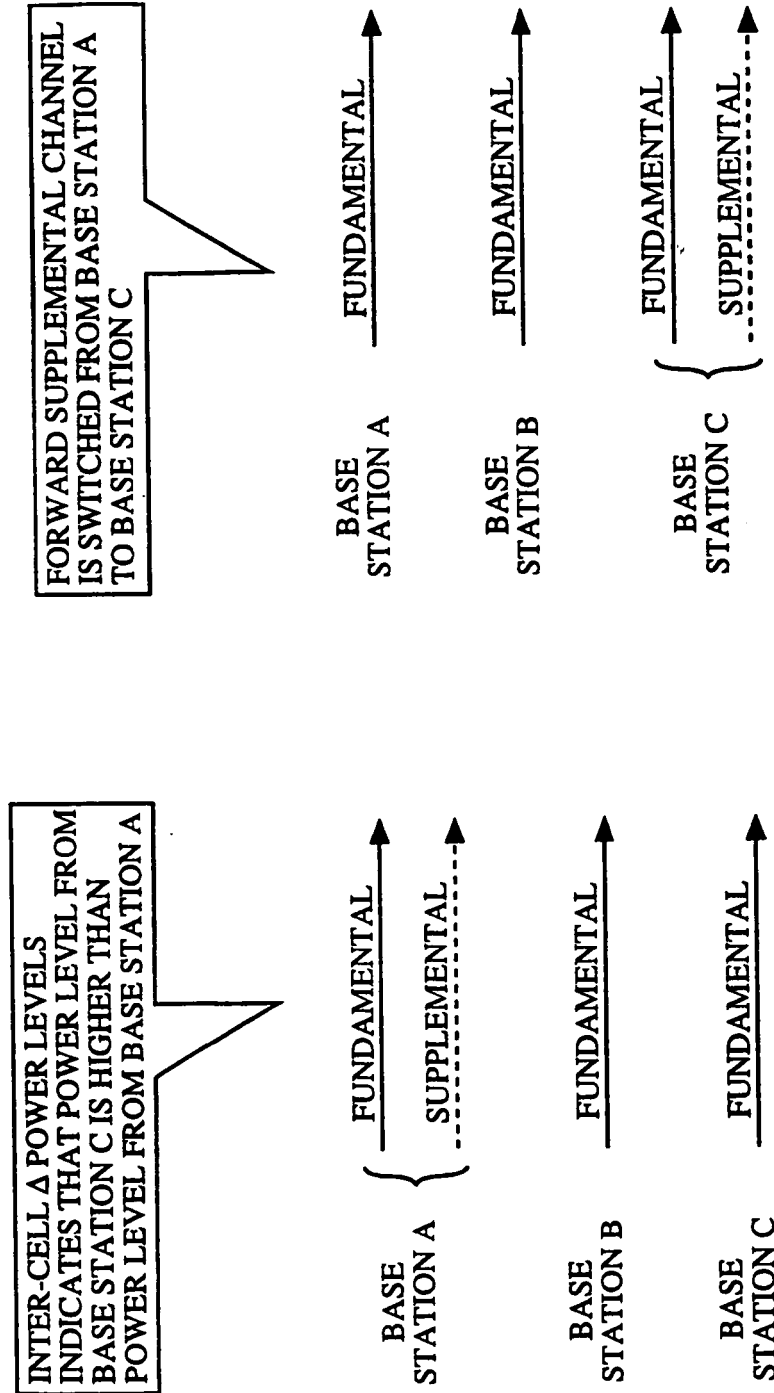


FIG. 4



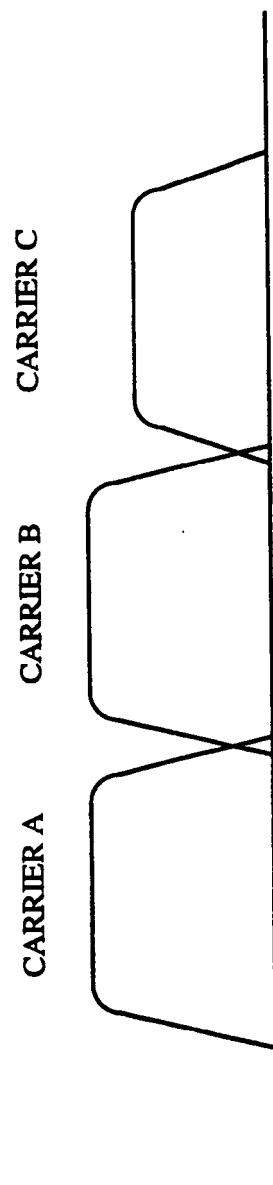


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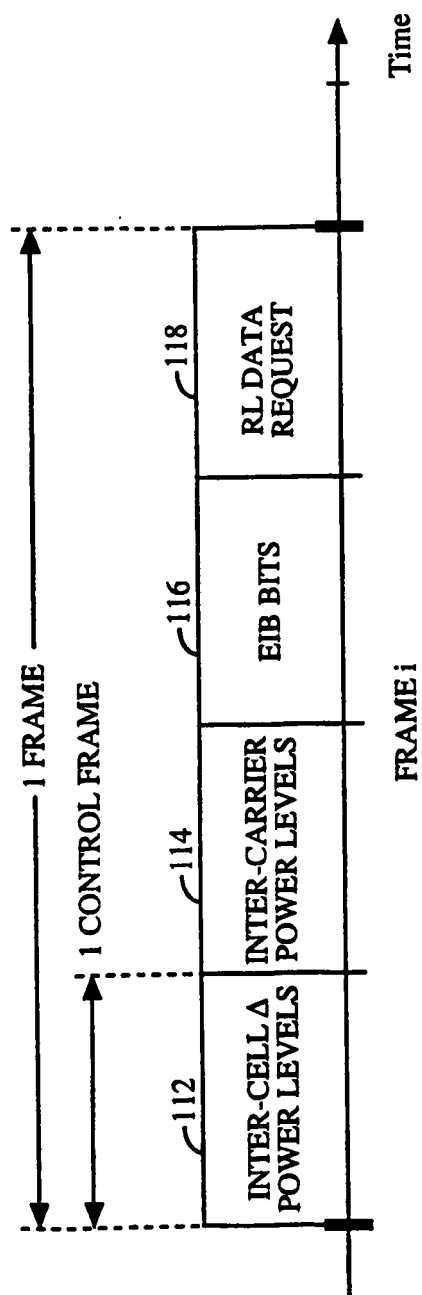


FIG. 7A

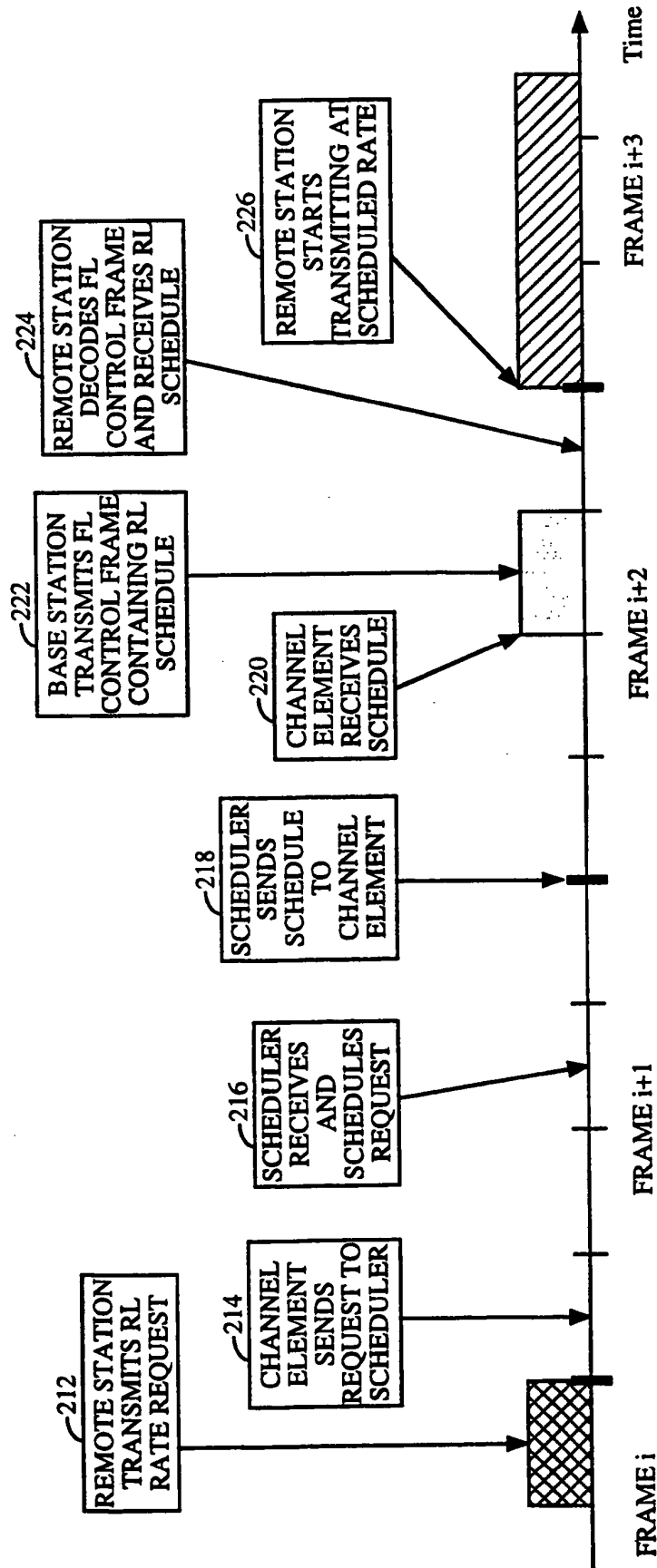


FIG. 7B

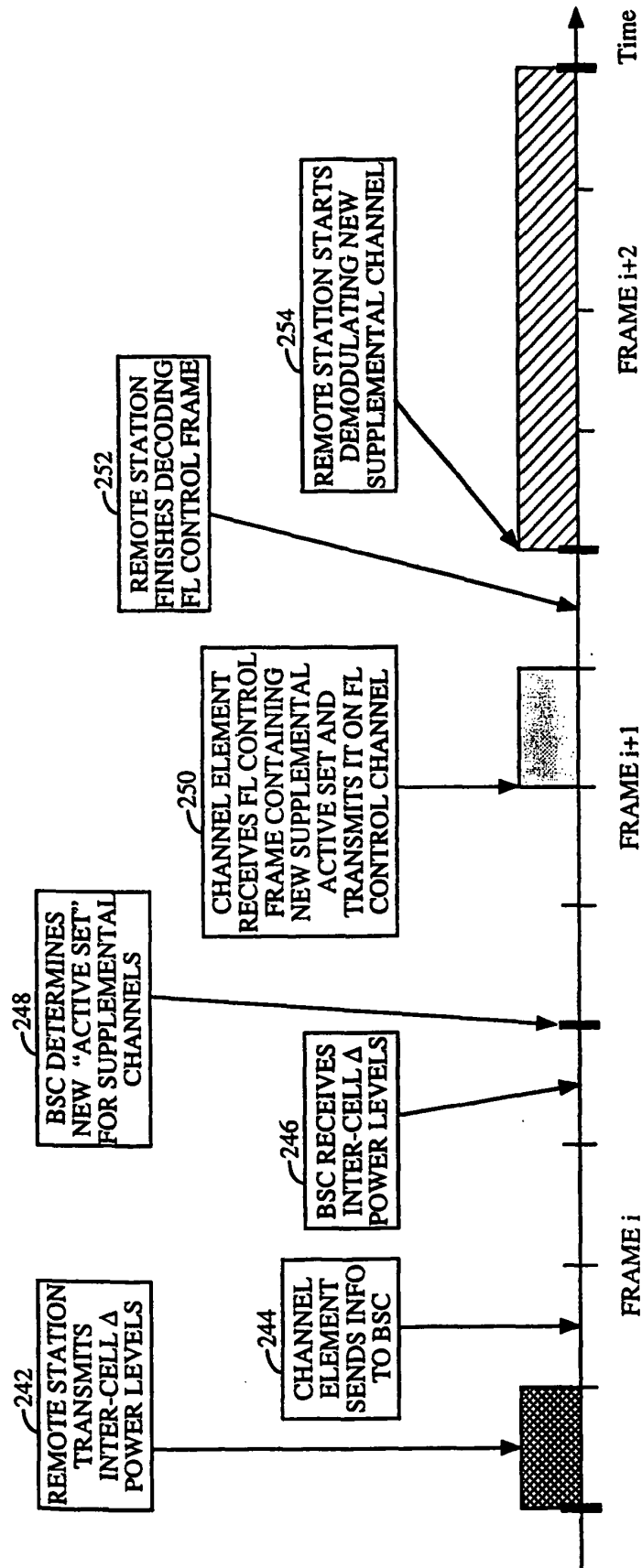


FIG. 7C

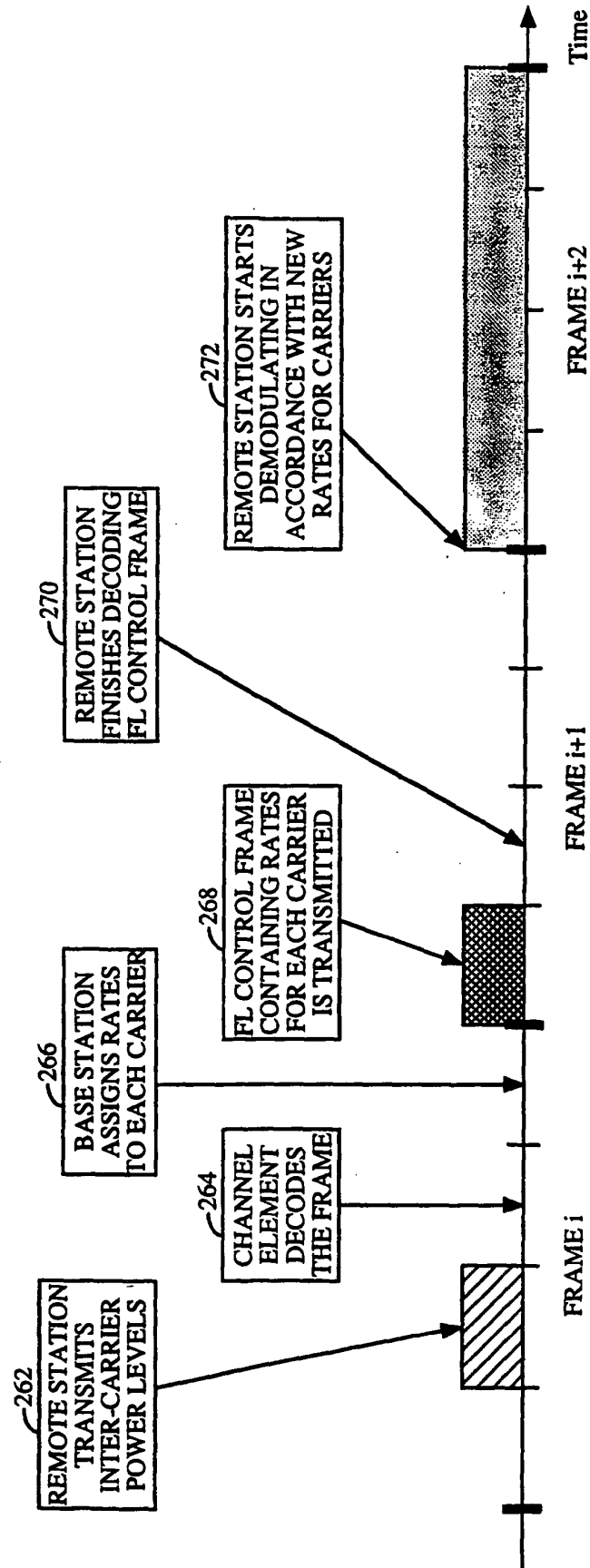


FIG. 7D

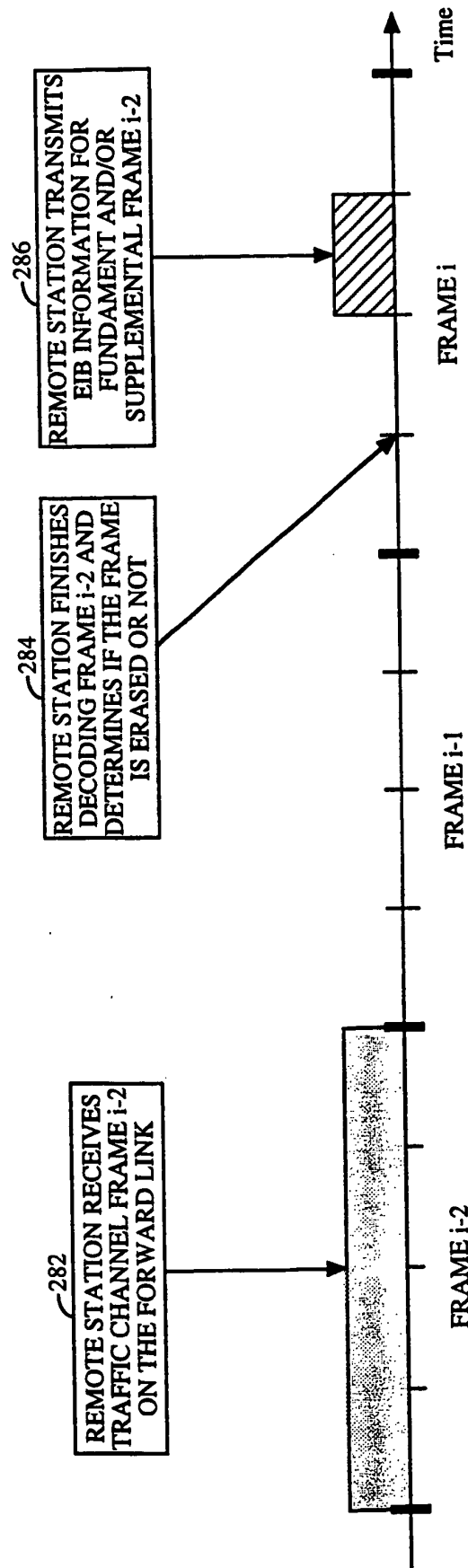


FIG. 7E

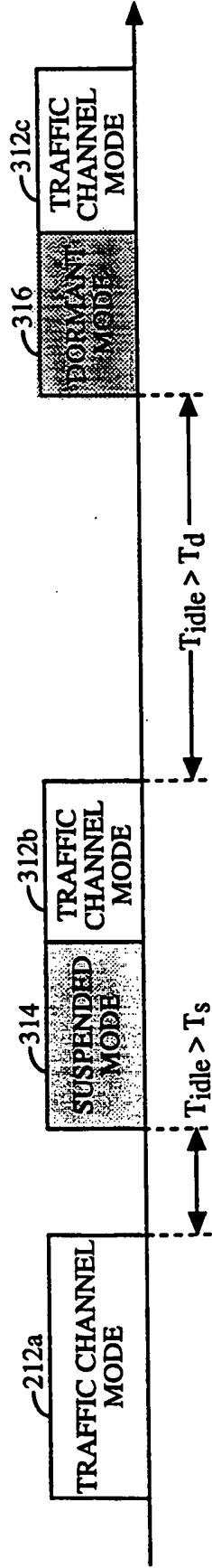


FIG. 8A

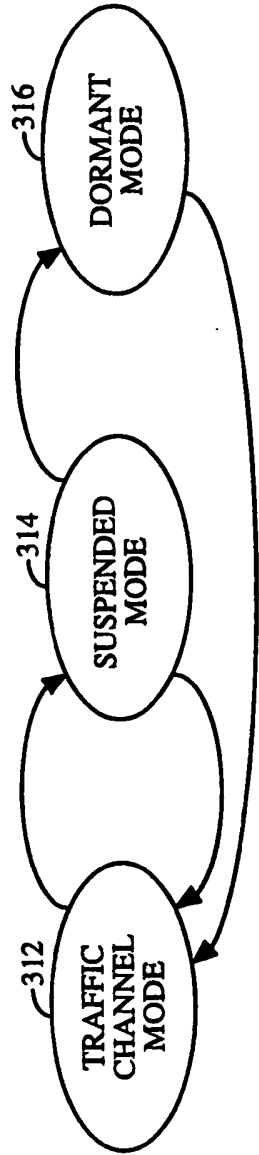


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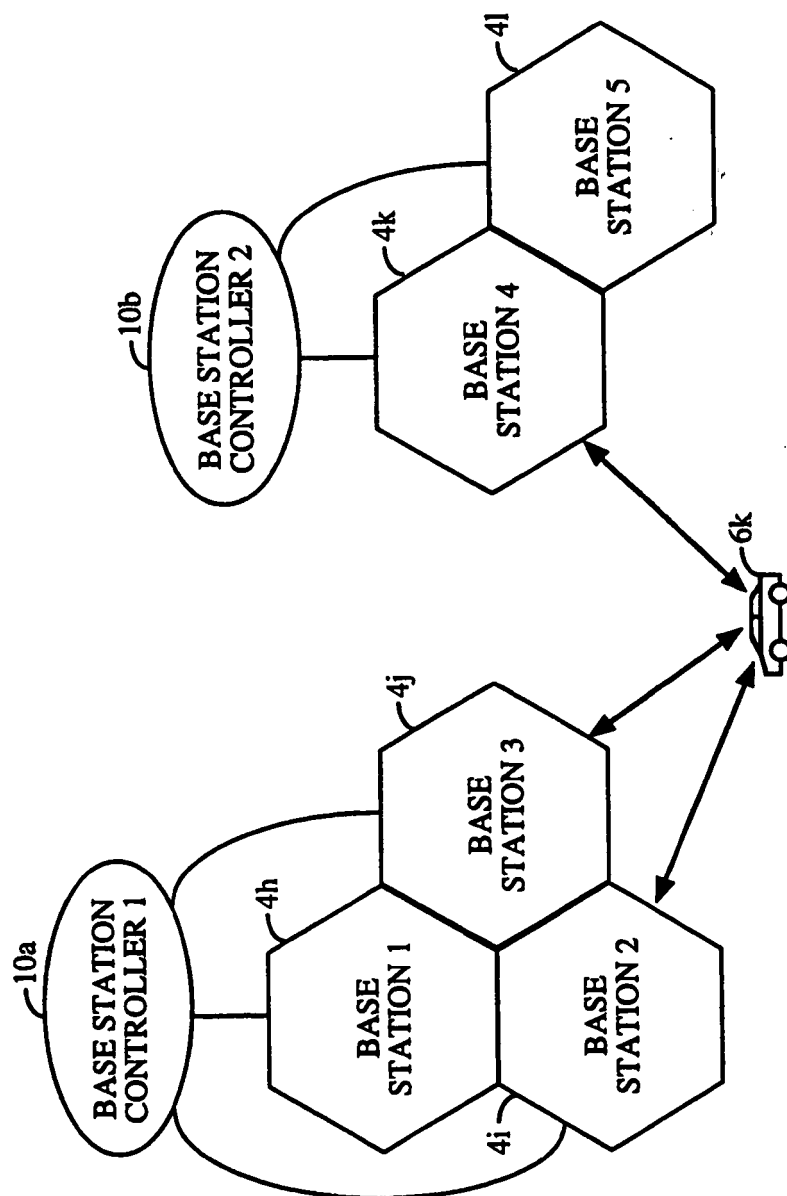


FIG. 8C

REMOTE STATION IN
SUSPENDED MODE

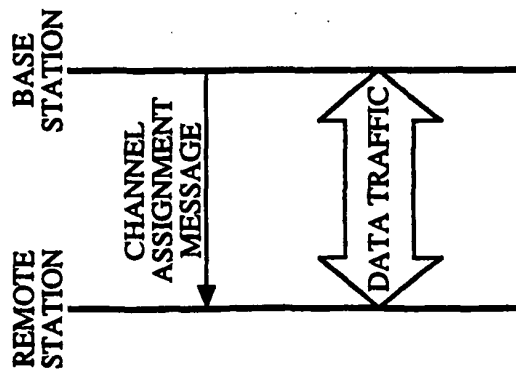


FIG. 9A

REMOTE STATION IN
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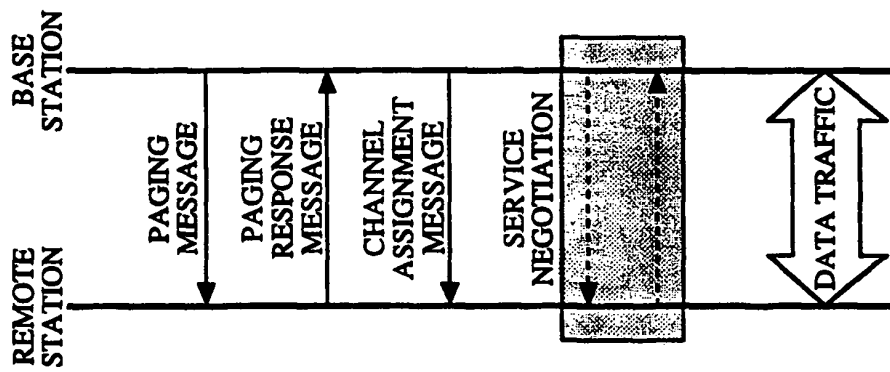


FIG. 9B

REMOTE STATION IN
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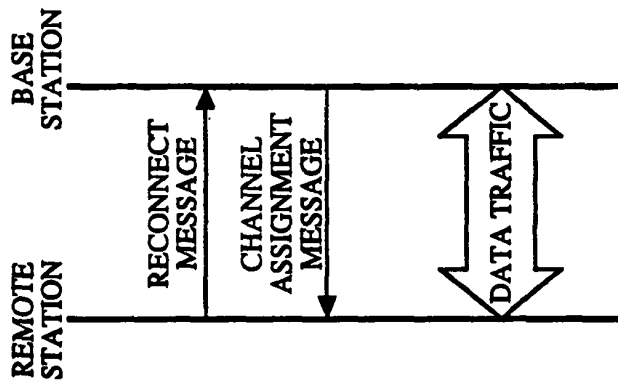


FIG. 9C

REMOTE STATION IN
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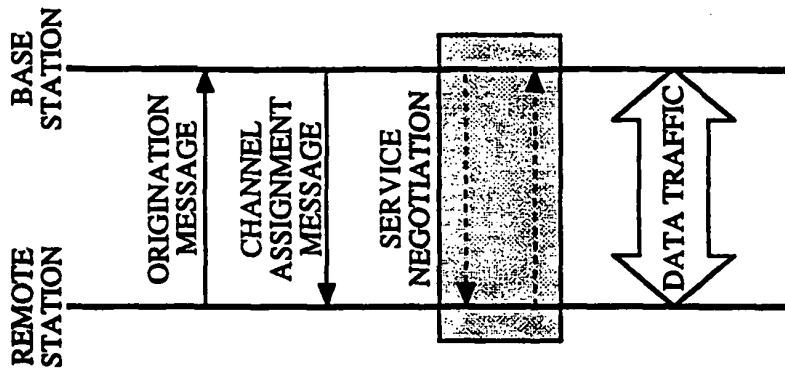


FIG. 9D

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